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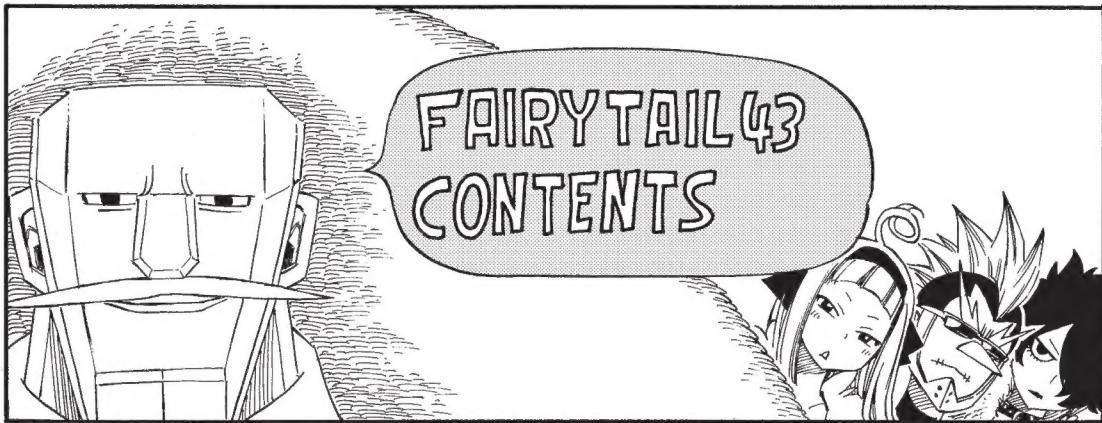
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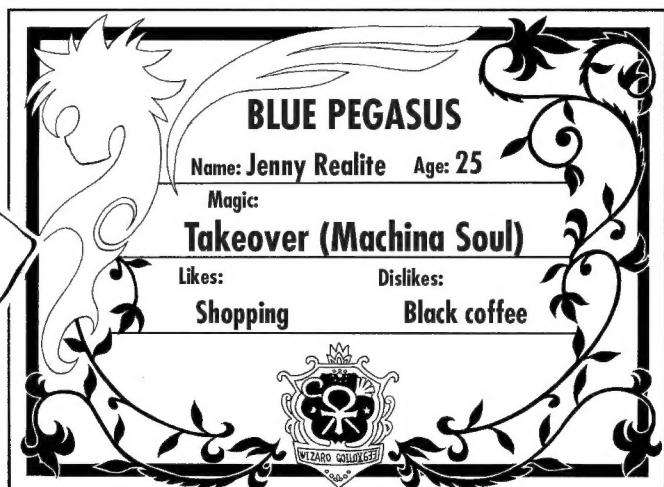
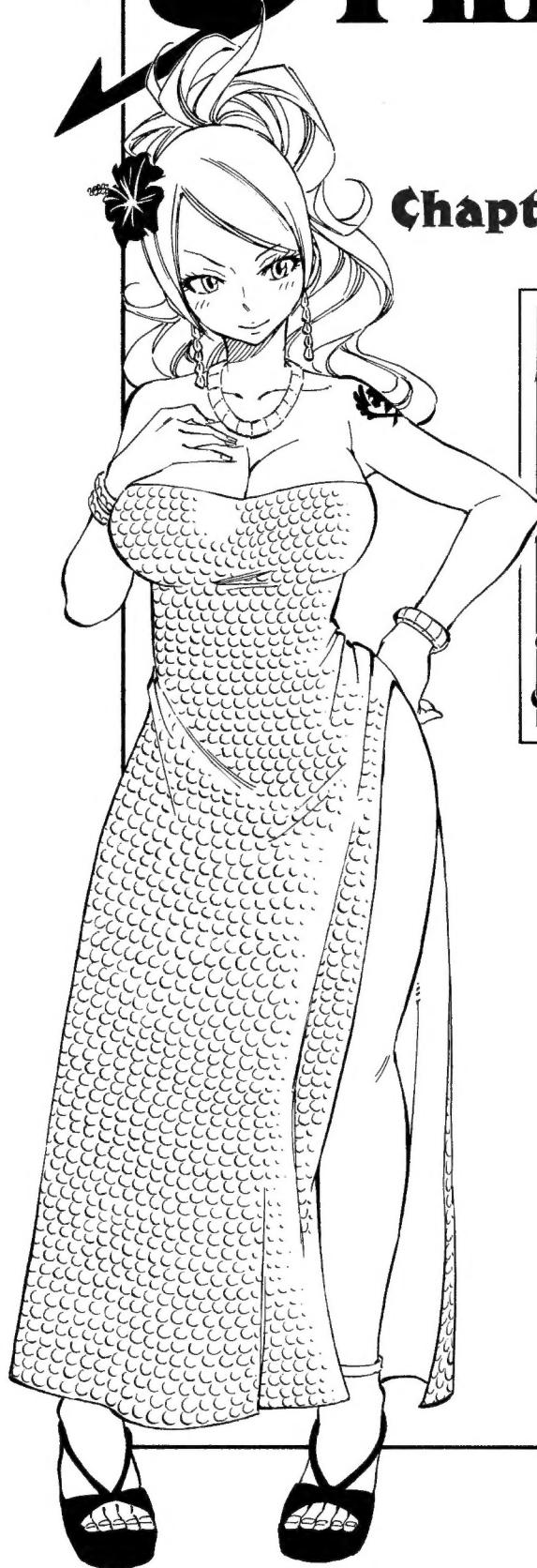
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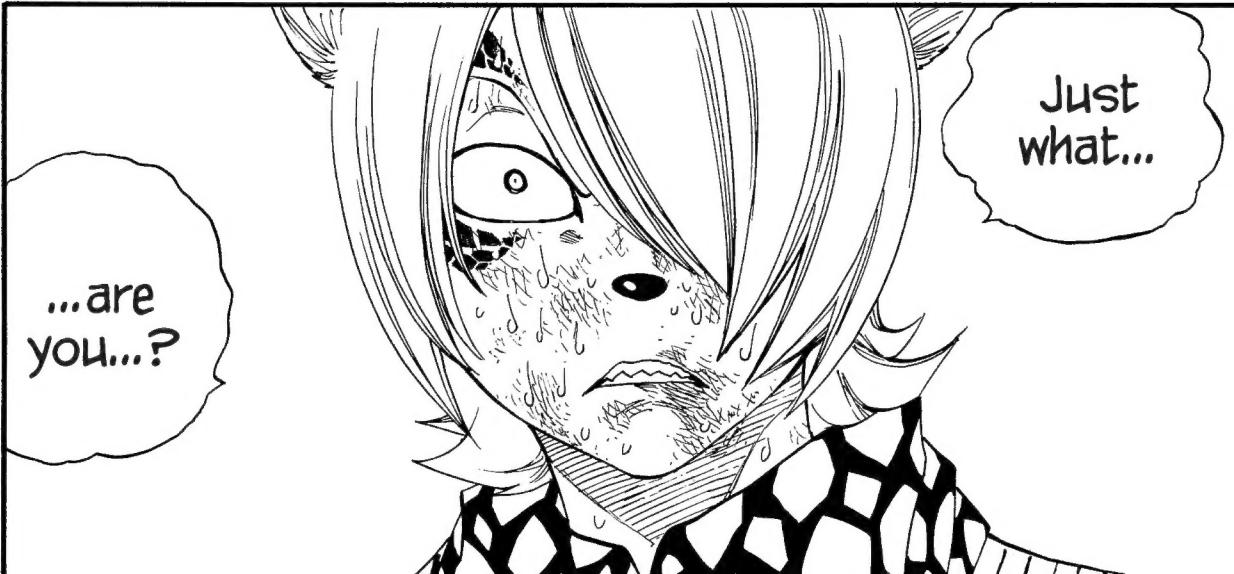
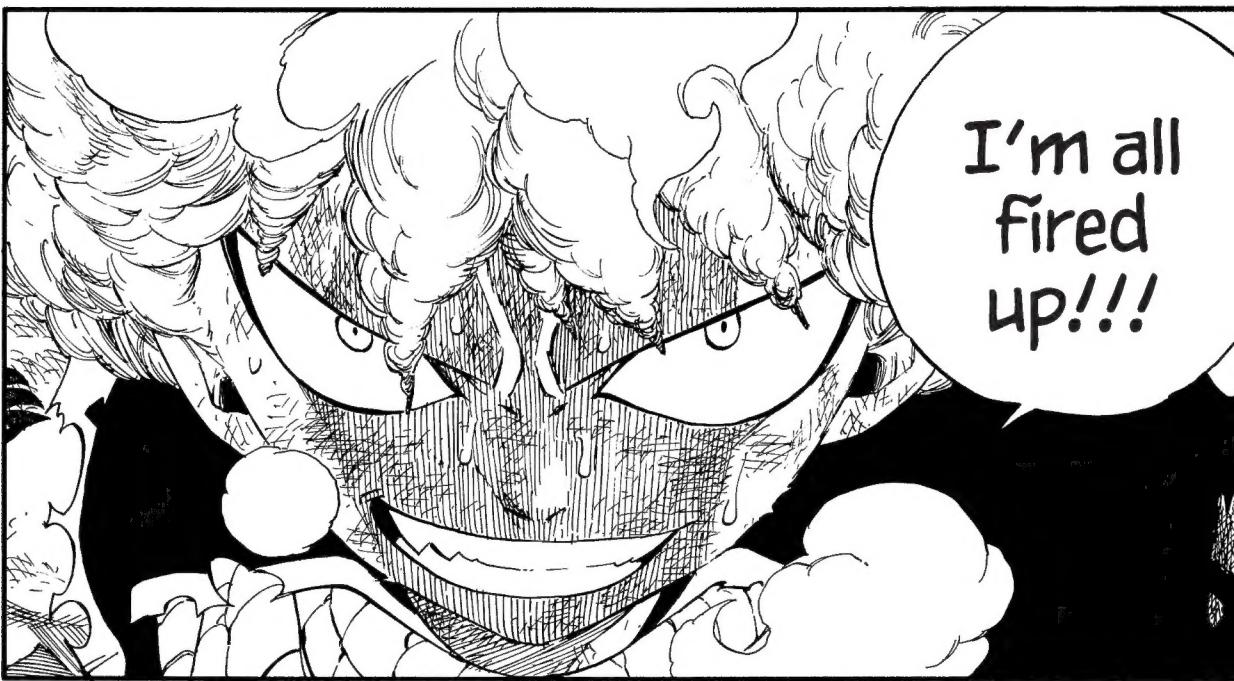
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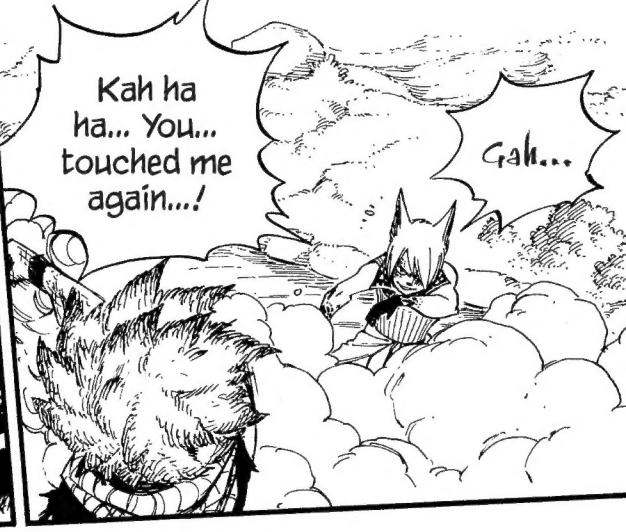
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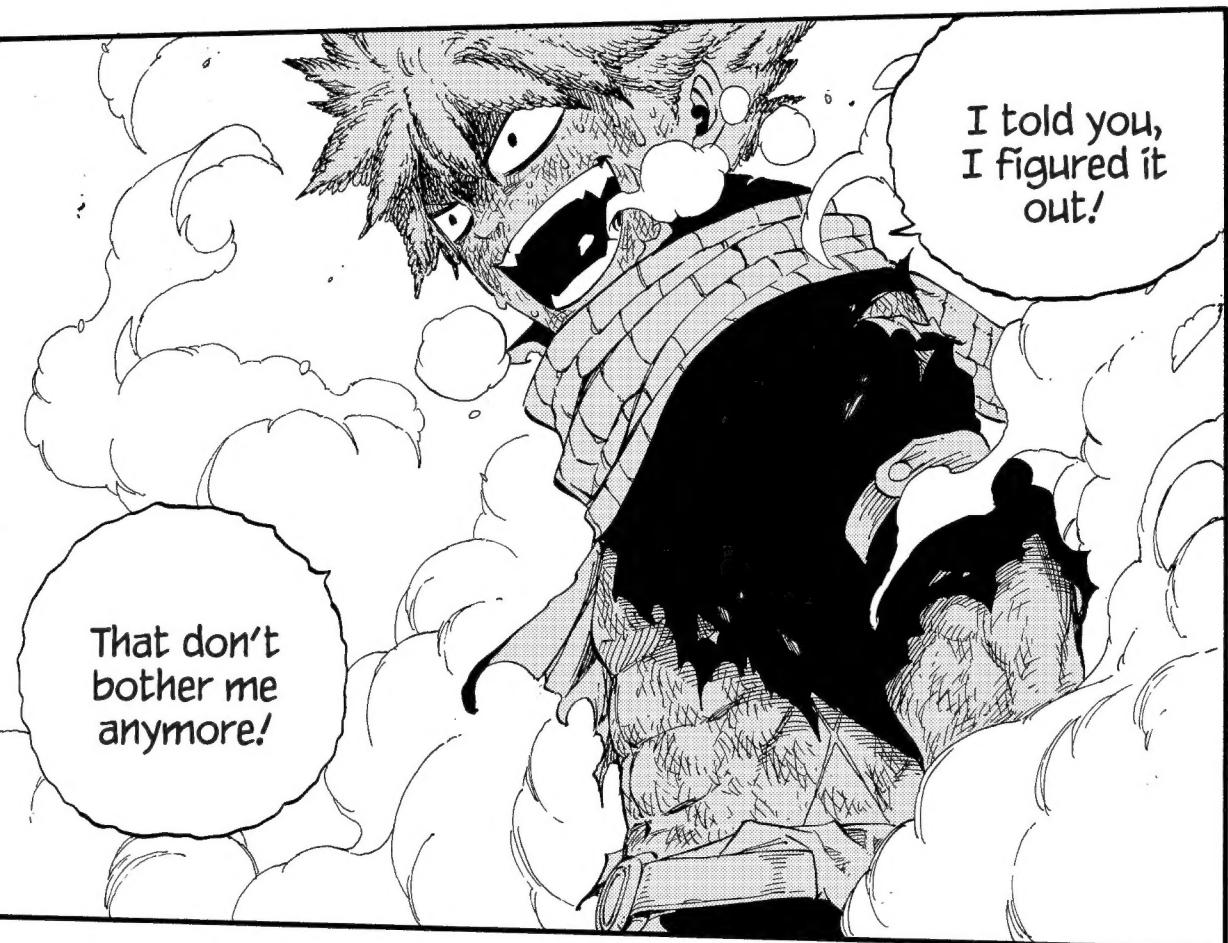
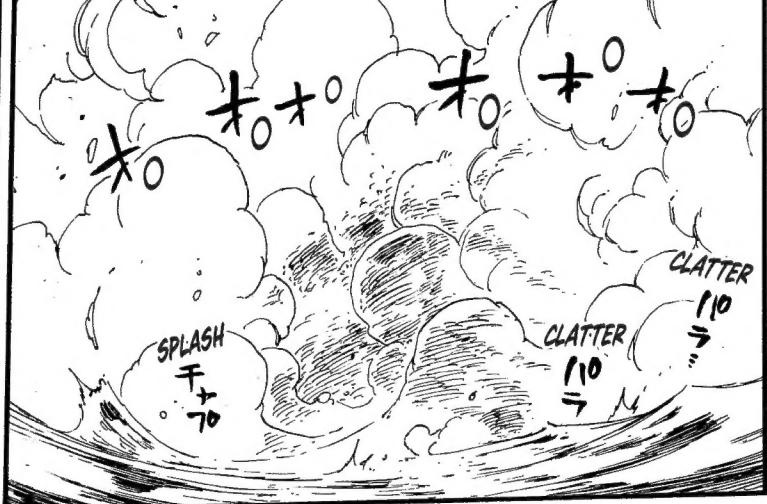
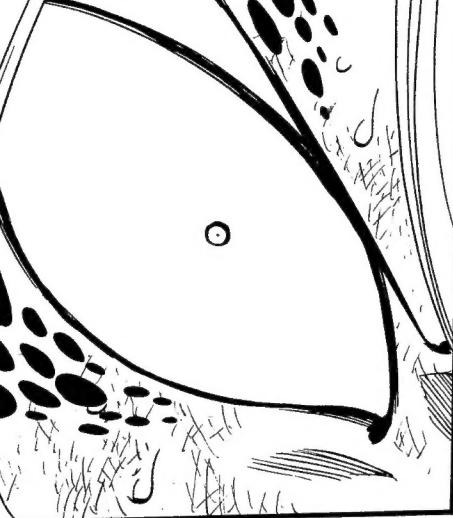
The top pinup model for Weekly Sorcerer. Seven years ago, she and Mirajane were rivals for the top model spot, and now they are both good friends and good rivals. Her magic is Machina Soul, which allows her to transform into an outfit armed with heavy weaponry. Whenever she touches a machine, she can make its power her own.

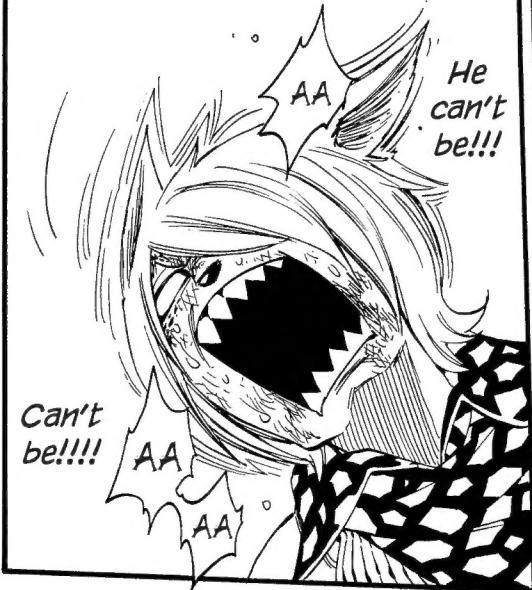
She lost a bet with Mira during the Grand Magic Games and had to pose nude for Weekly Sorcerer Magazine, but when the time came, she wasn't as embarrassed about it as everyone thought she would be.





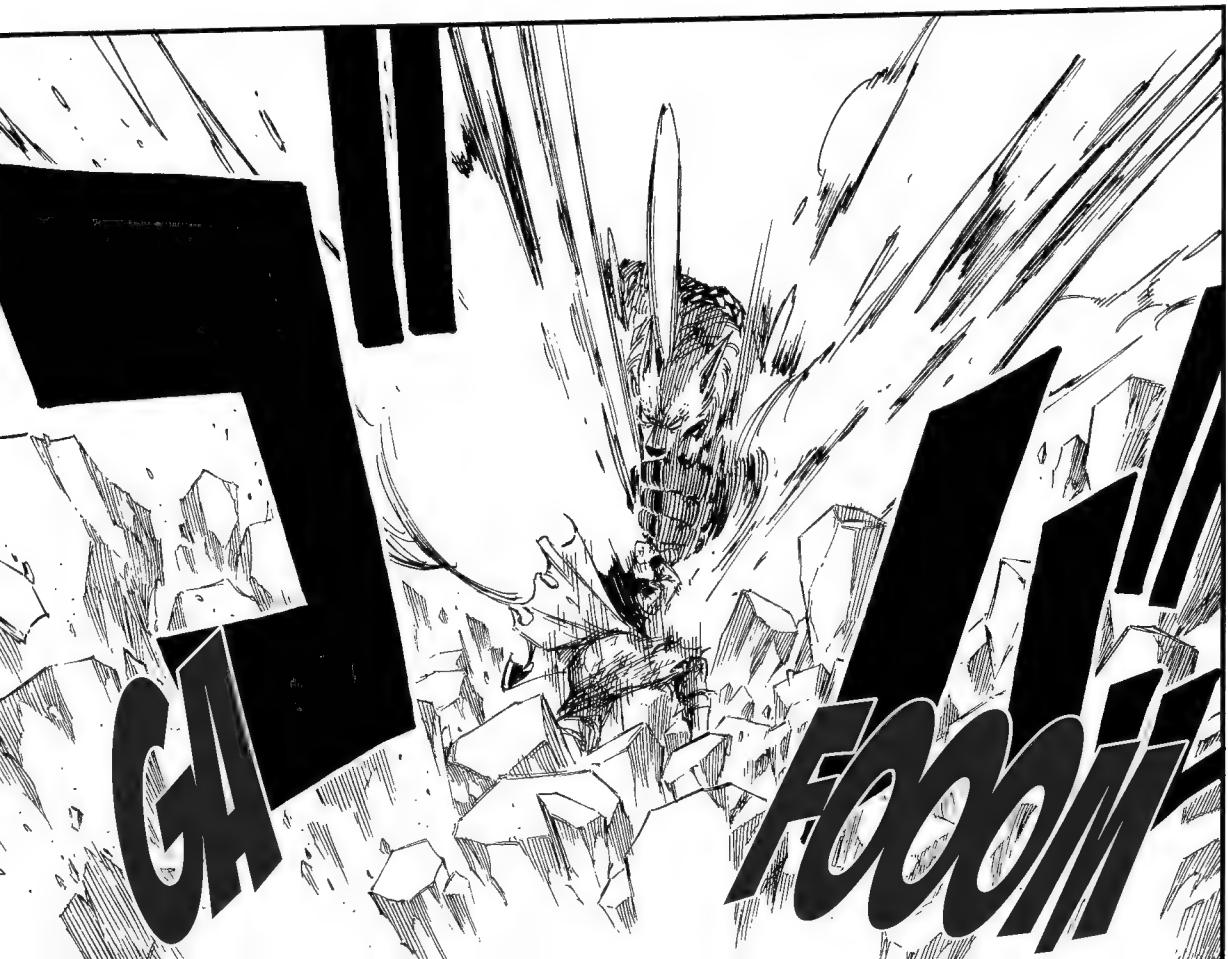
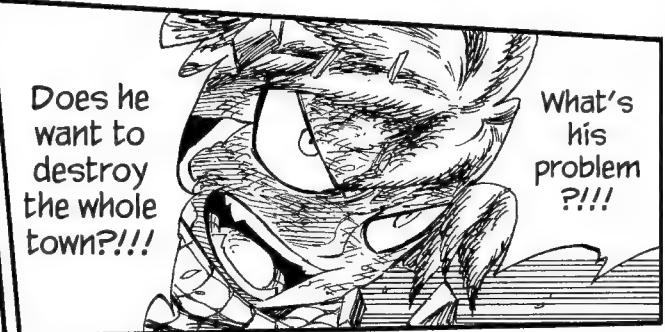






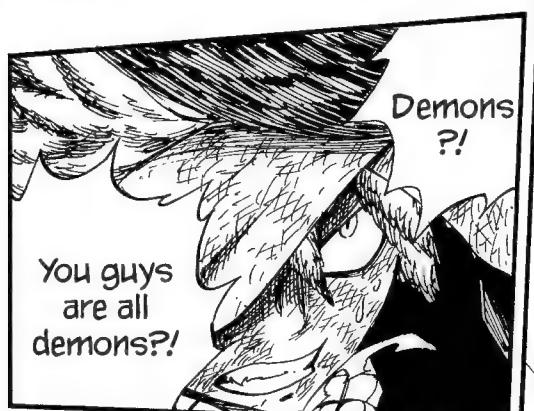








You humans
should know
better than to try
and pick a fight
with one of us
demons!! Know
your place!!



You guys
are all
demons?!



Demons
?!



Is that
the whole
reason
you're
fighting
us?!!!



This is your
doomsday,
humans
!!!!

X
FLASH

Arggh!

DO

KAAA

Well, we
ain't like
you
!!!!

We don't care
if it's humans
or demons or
gods that we're
fighting!!!!

We're
fighting for
our wounded
friends!!!!

Gimme
a bit
of your
power
here,
Laxus
!!!!

!!!

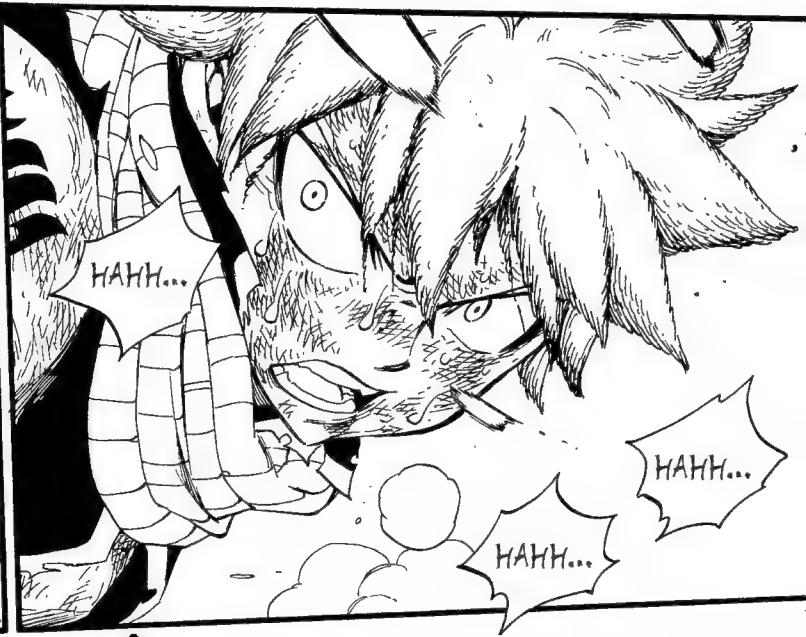
BOOM!

RAIEN-

RYŪ

NO
GEKI
TETSU*

!!!!







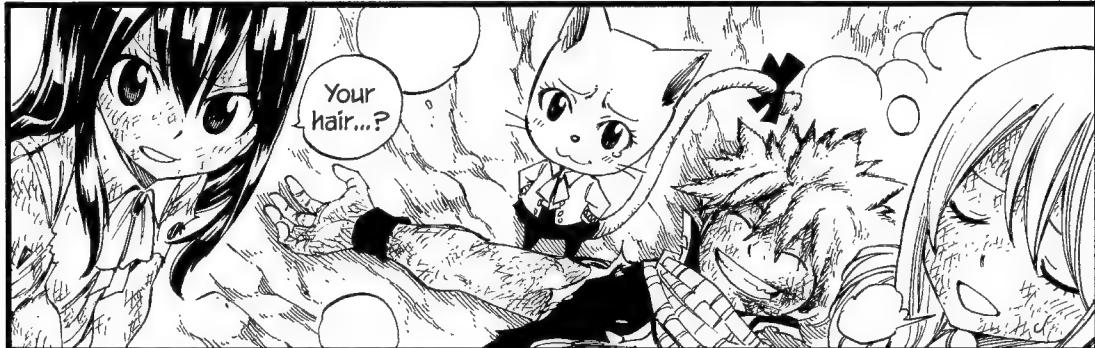
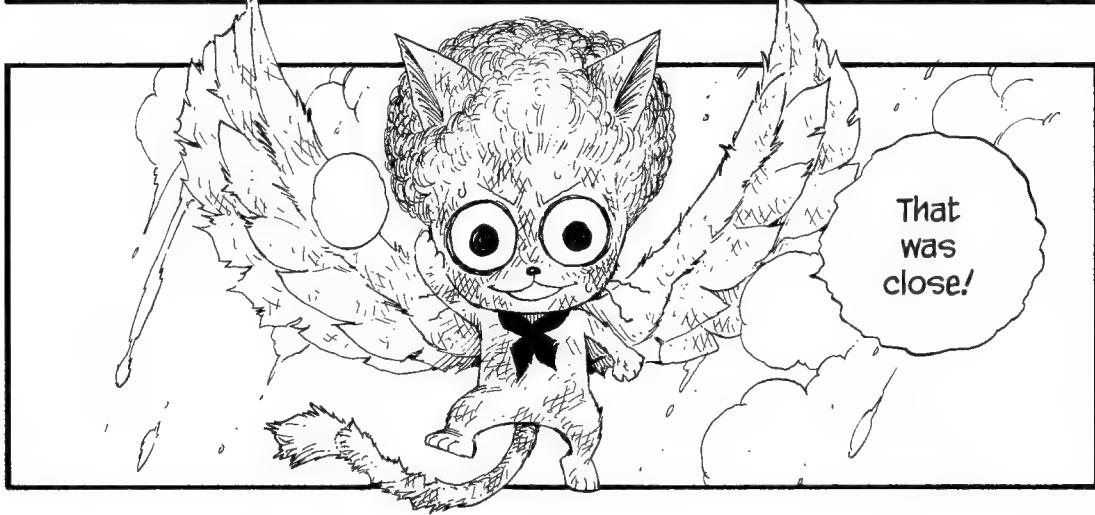
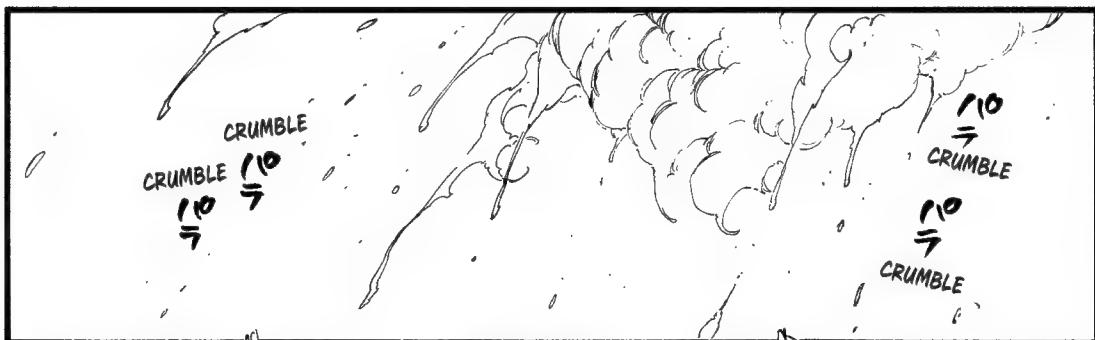
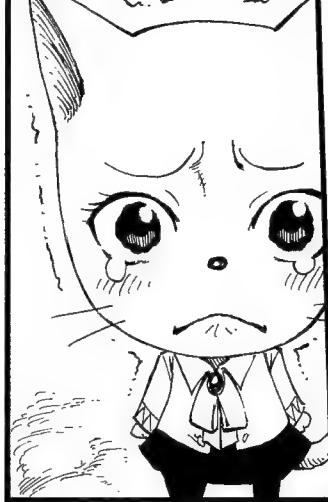




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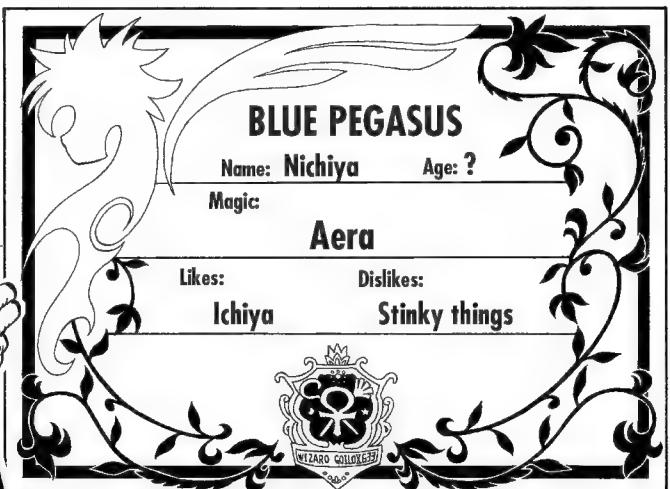
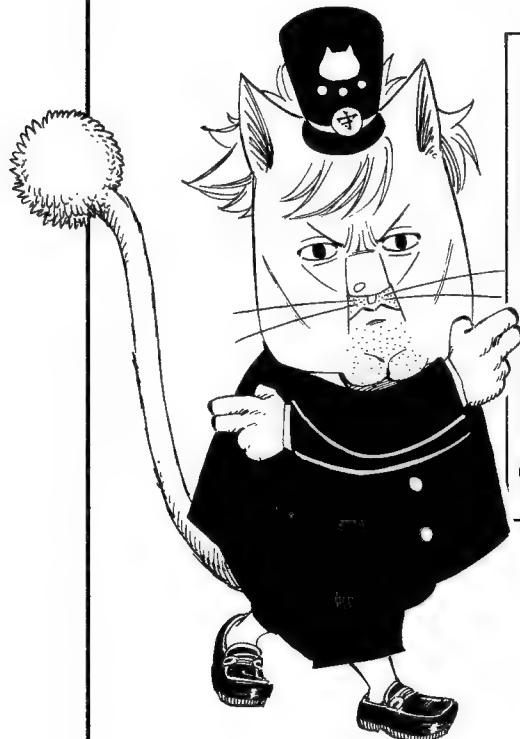
We aren't
gonna let
a creep
like you
get the
best of
us!!!

CHOOOON



Fairy Tail

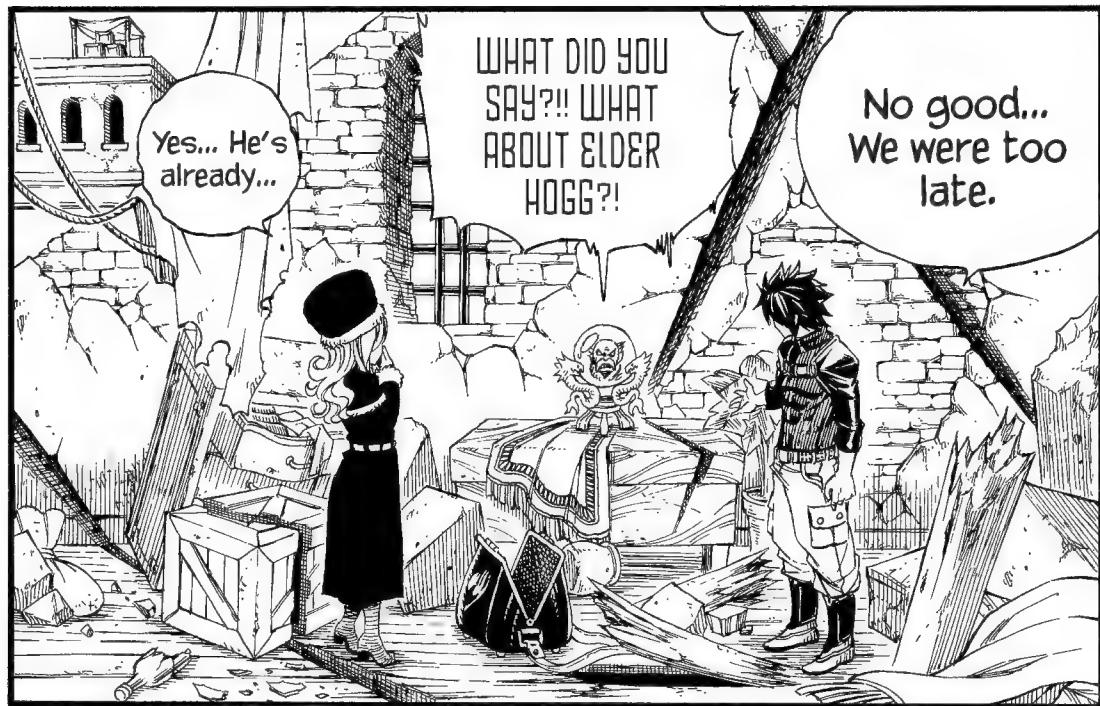
Chapter 363: Stories that Demons Read



Remarks

He used to be the Captain of the Royal Guard of the Kingdom of Extalia, the land of the Exceed (cats). Even after he arrived in this world, he remained captain of the guard for the group of Exceed, but when he learned how many beings out there were stronger than he was, he stepped down from the position. After that, he met Ichiya, and he left the Exceed's group to take a place with Blue Pegasus.

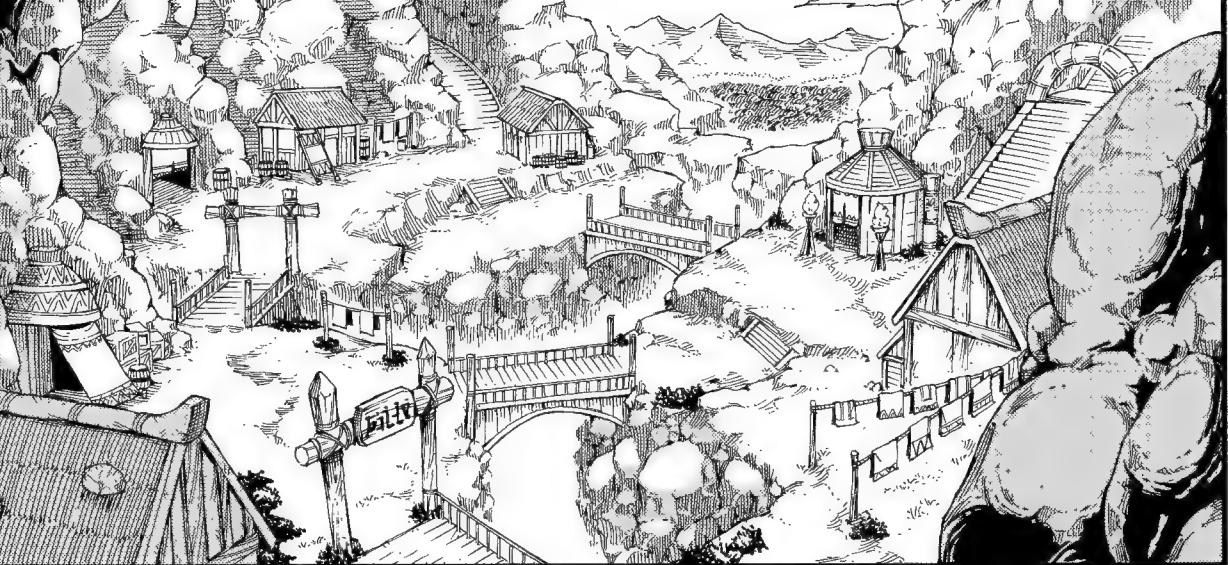
Before his appearance at the Grand Magic Games, he, Ichiya, and Master Bob were the only ones who knew he had joined.



It's a
horrible
sight.



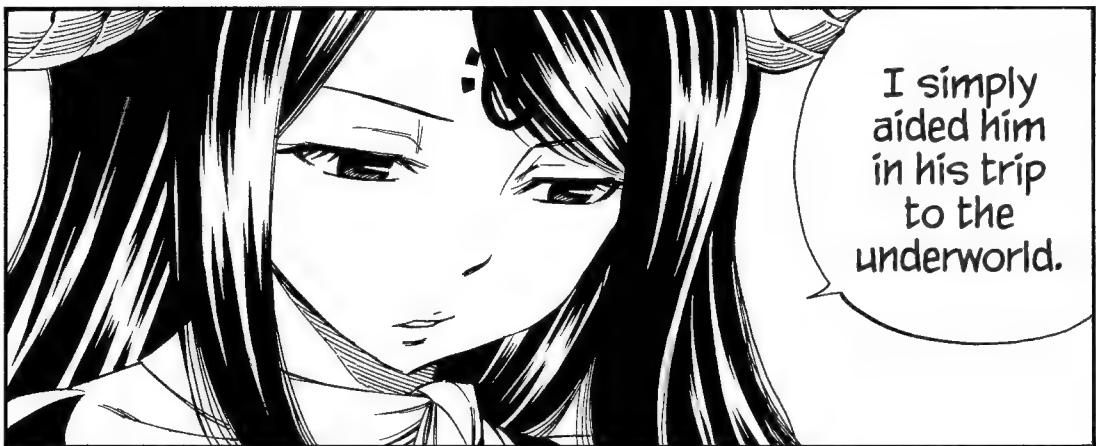


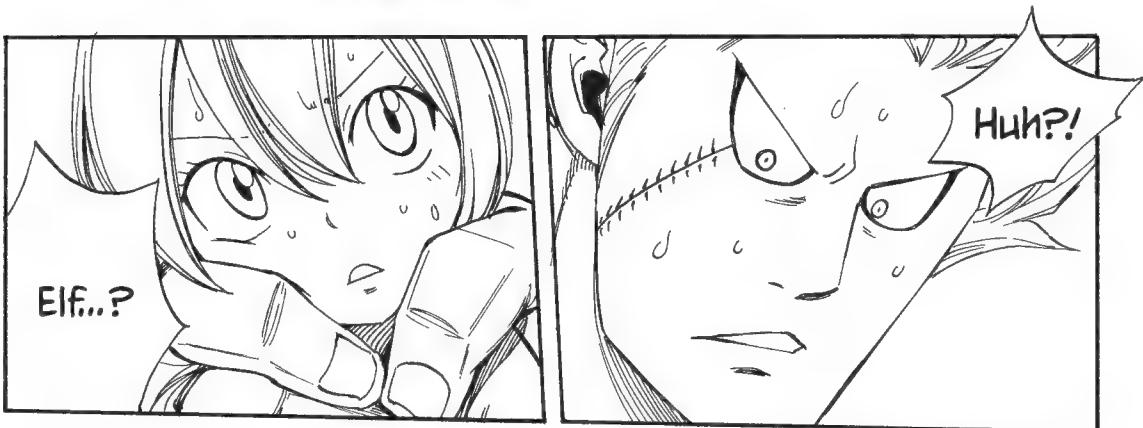


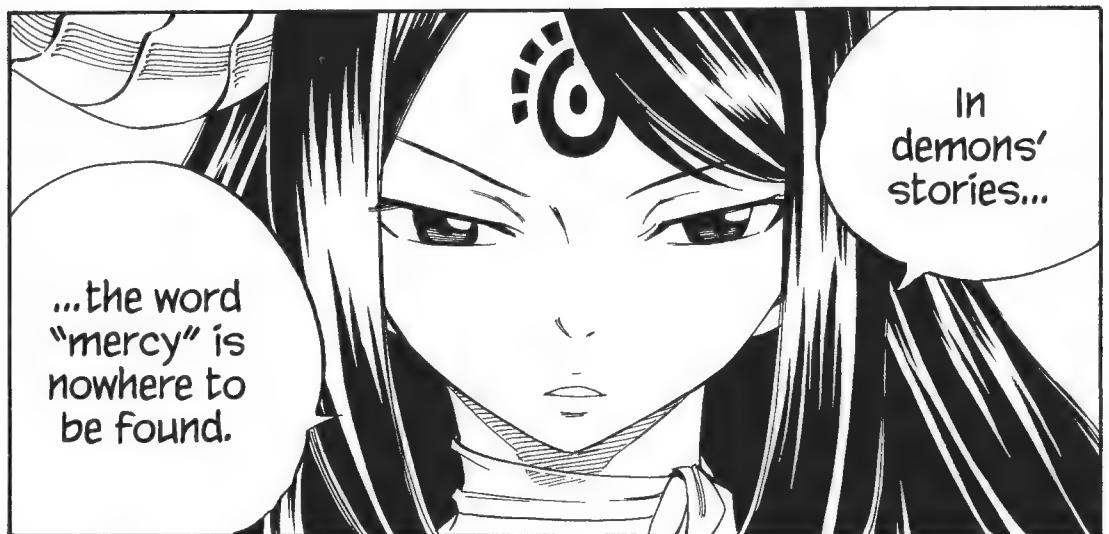


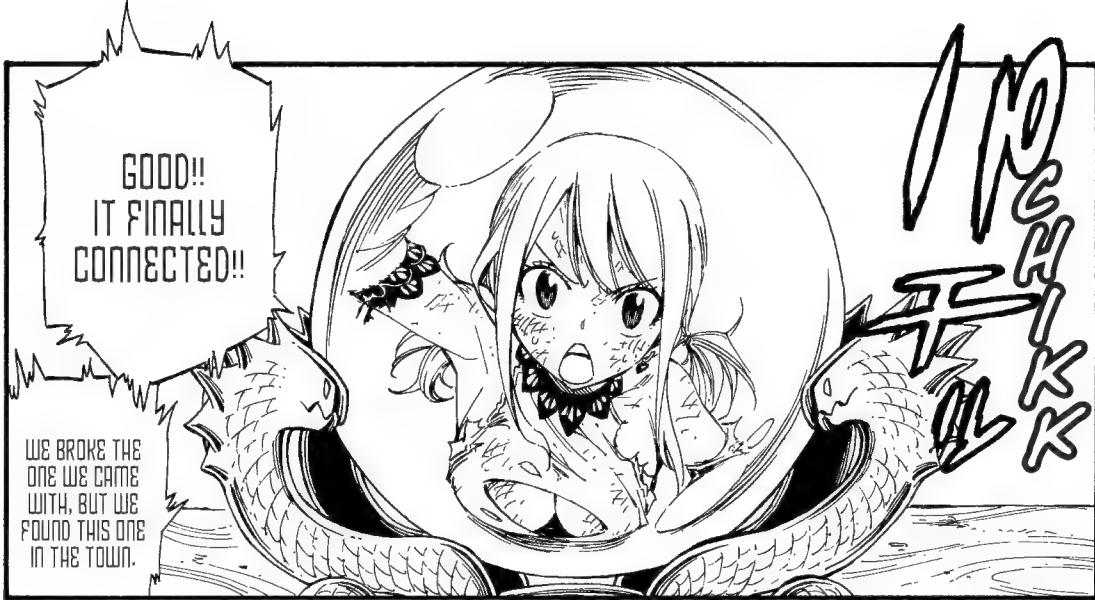


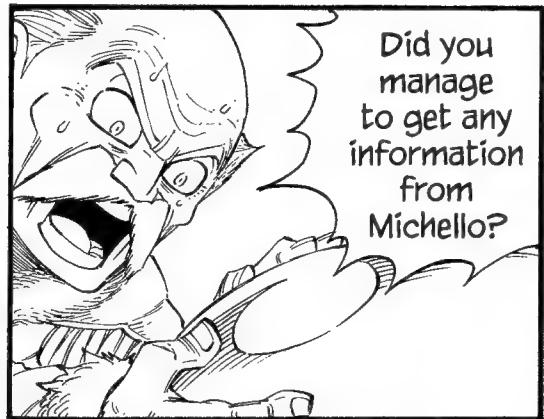


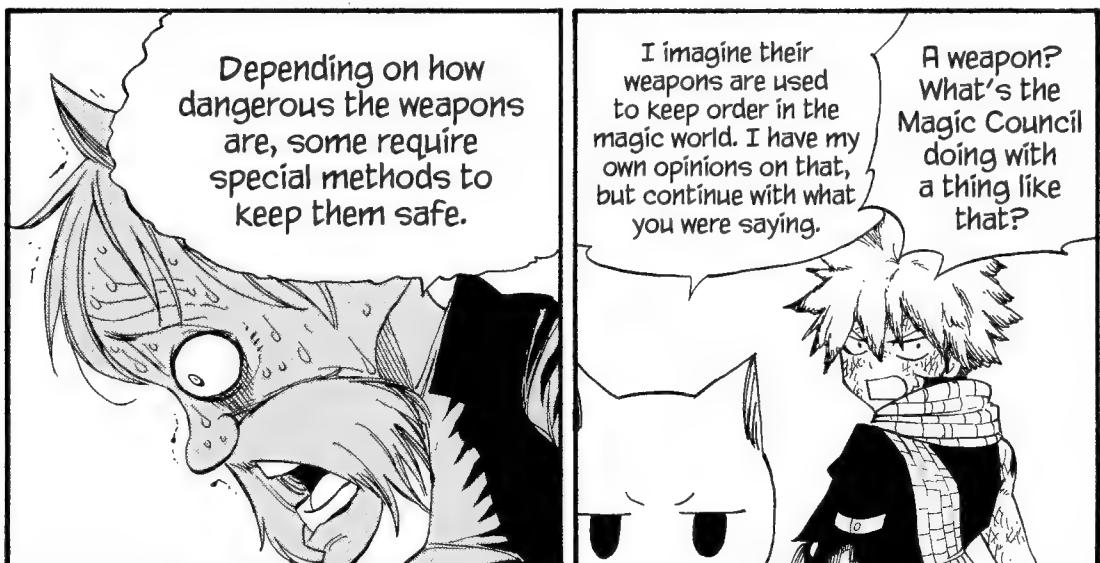














To launch it, you need the approval of all nine Council members and codes from ten of the highest-level wizards in the bureaucracy.*

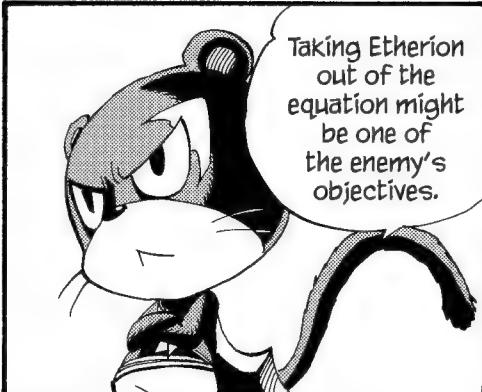
For example, there's Etherion, a huge magic cannon that can target anything on the continent.

It has the power to wipe out an entire kingdom in an instant.

The final phase of the Etherion launch is complete!

BOOM

* Seven years ago, it only took the agreement of five members of the council to fire it.



Taking Etherion out of the equation might be one of the enemy's objectives.



They can't use Etherion, huh?

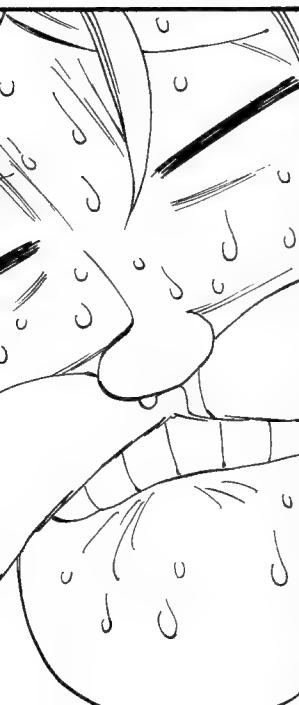
In other words, now that all the Council members are dead...



I know you were sworn to secrecy!!! But we're in a crisis here!!!



What kind of weapon is Face?!





What kind of weapon is this supposed to be...?

A world where all of the wizards are stripped of their magic, barely clinging to life, while Tartaros can use their powers with impunity...

All the wizards would suffer magic deficiency disease...



But only the former chairman knows who they were!

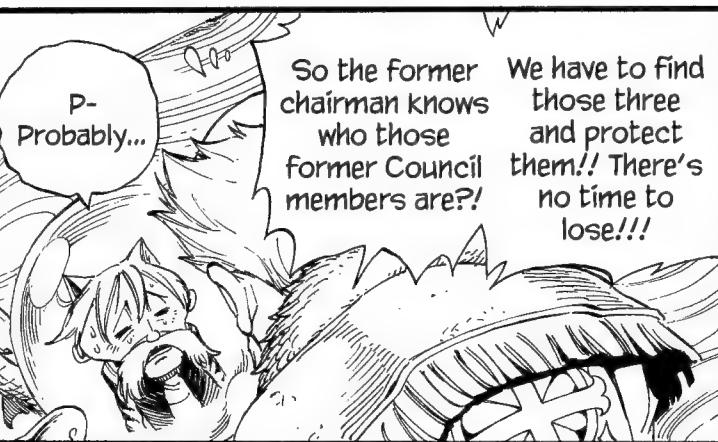
I once heard that it was sealed with an organic link between three former Council members, but...

I... I don't know... Really...

That's why they're just killing off Council members without bothering to question them.

So the key to break the seal would be the lives of those three wizards...

Organic Link Magic...



We have to find those three and protect them!! There's no time to lose!!!

IF THEY MANAGE TO OFF THOSE THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS, FACE WILL FALL RIGHT INTO THEIR HANDS, OLD MAN!!







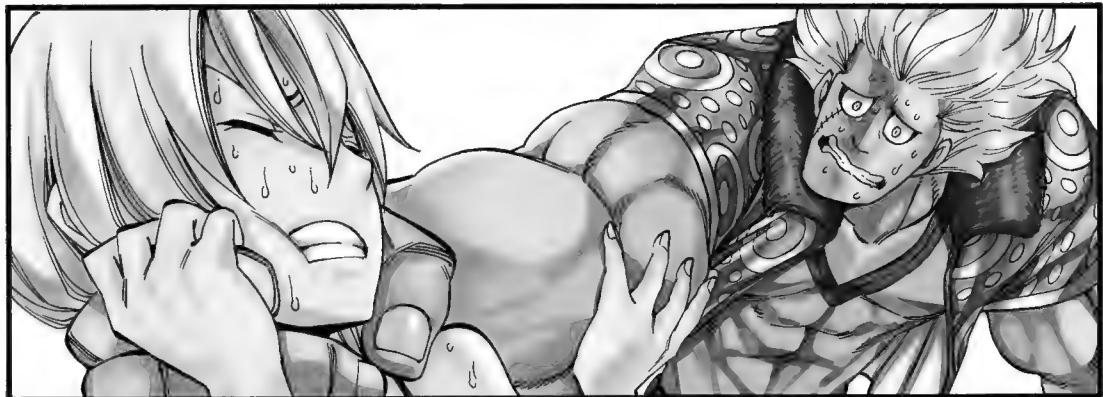
The two
most reliable
members we
have!!!

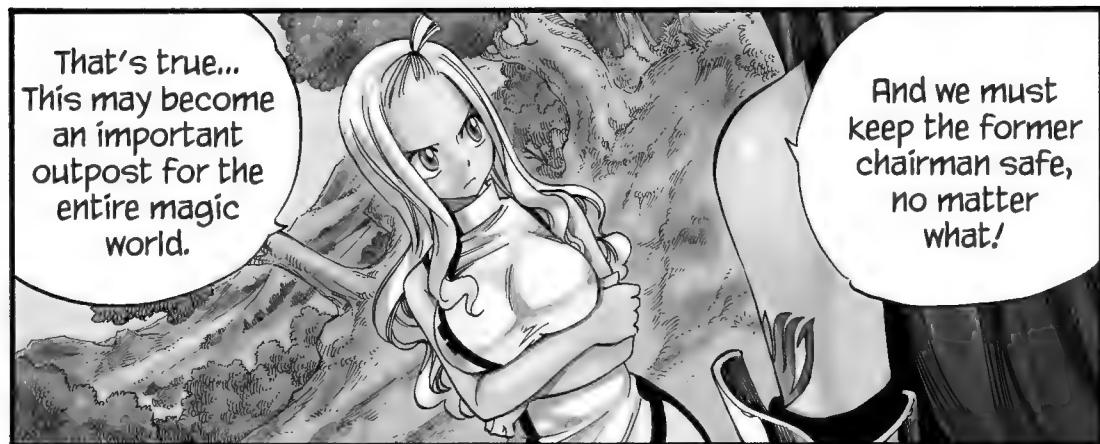
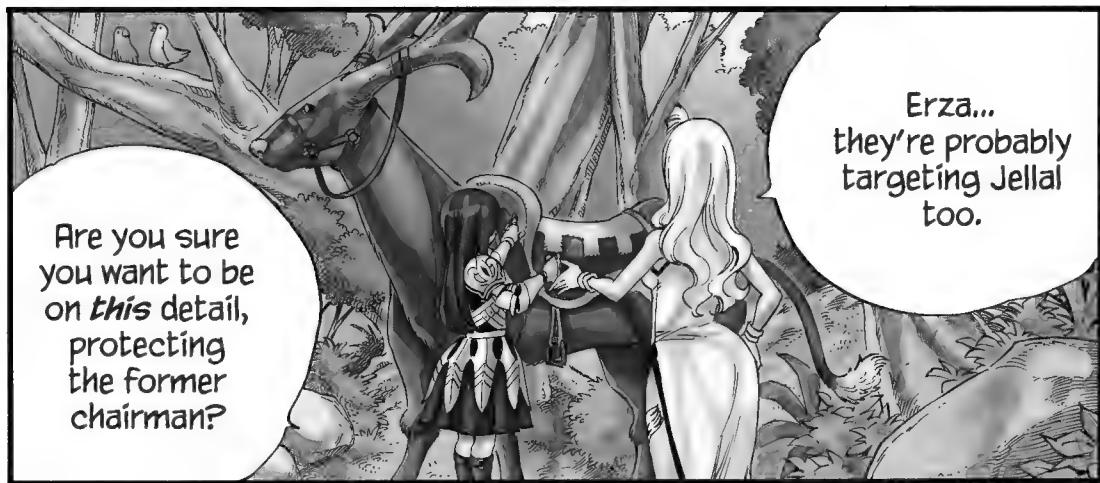
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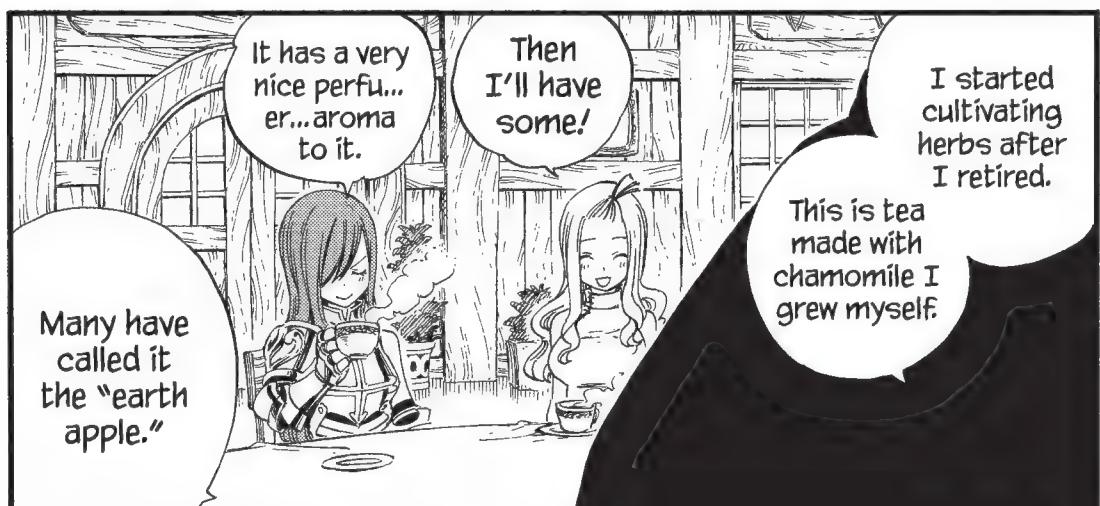
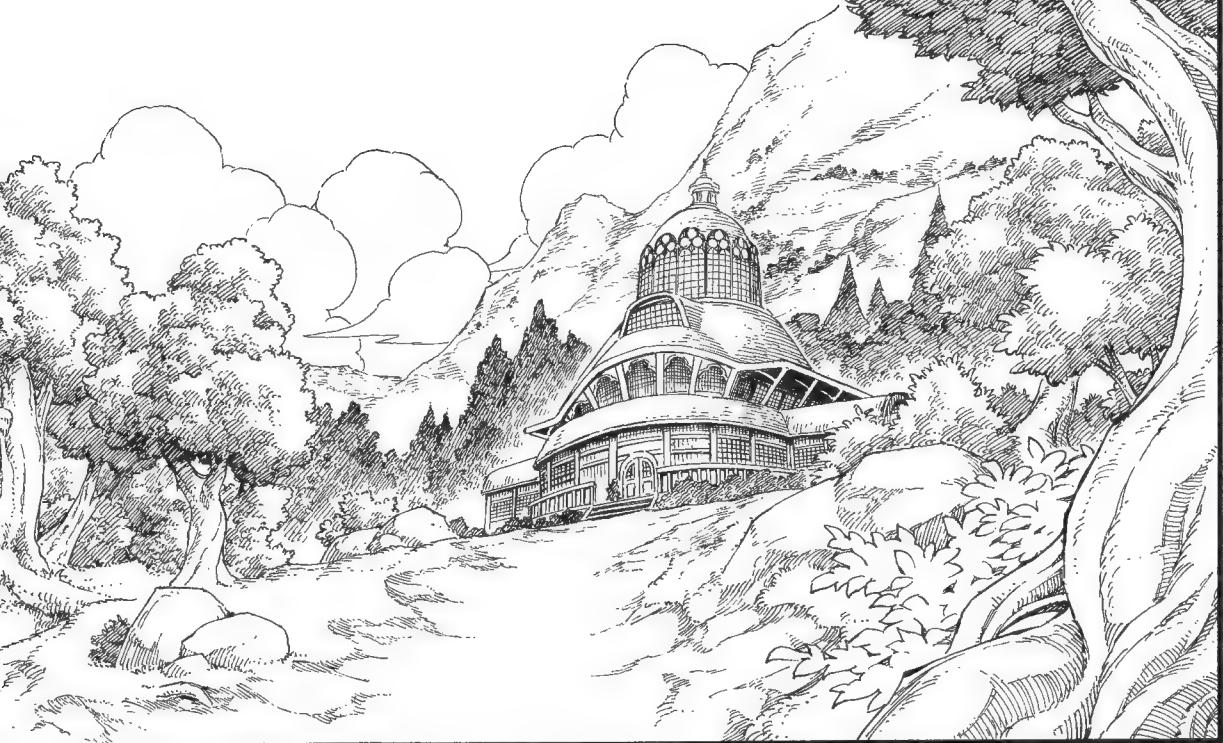
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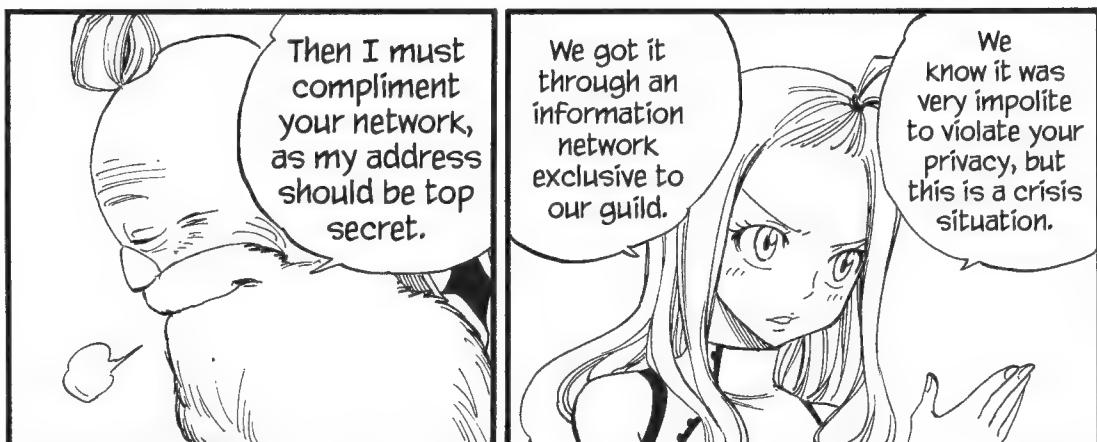
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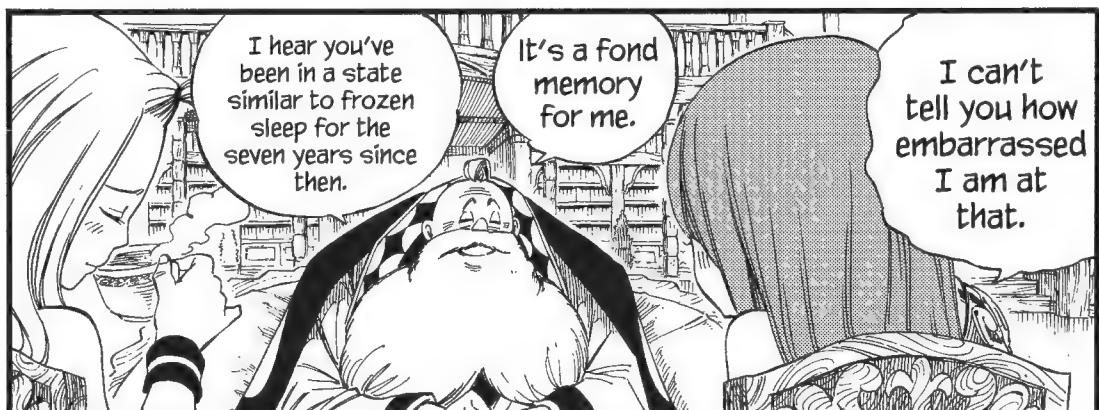
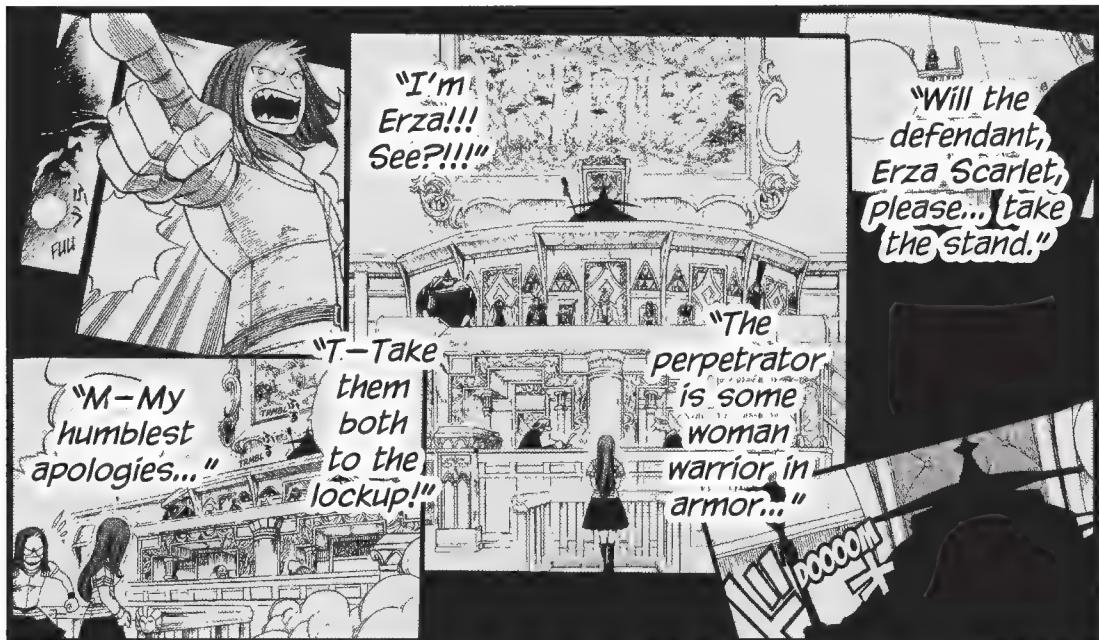
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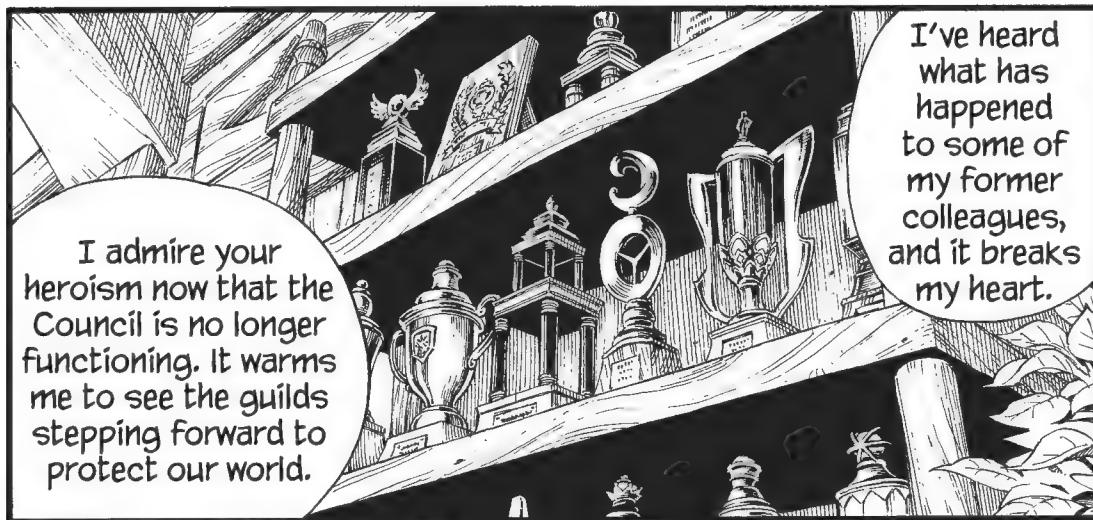


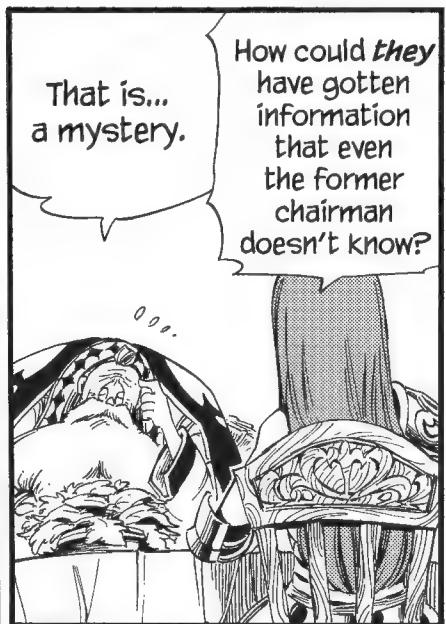
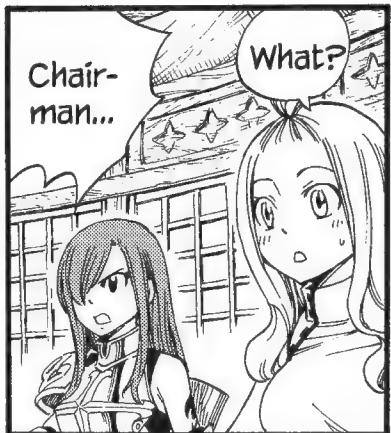
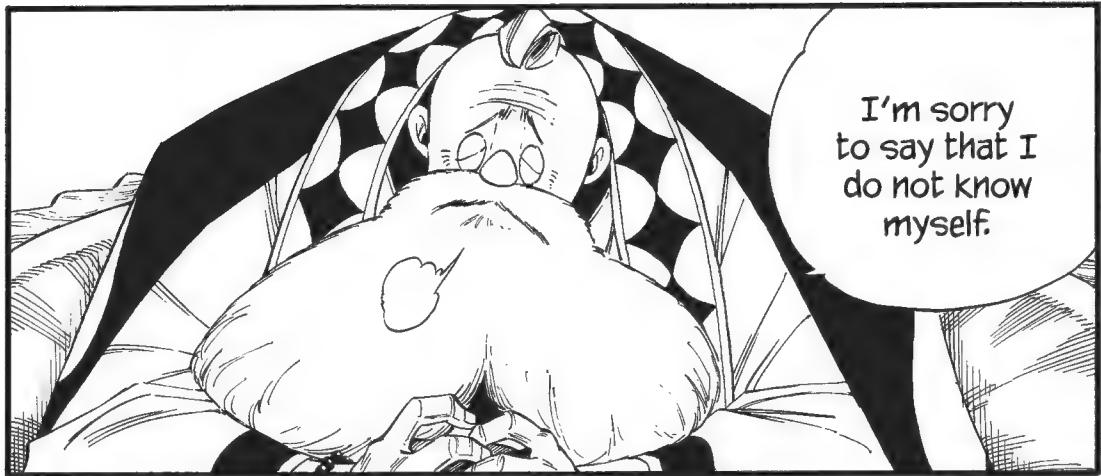


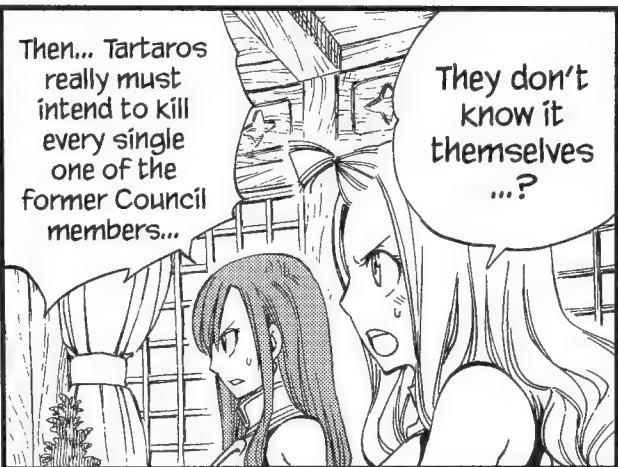
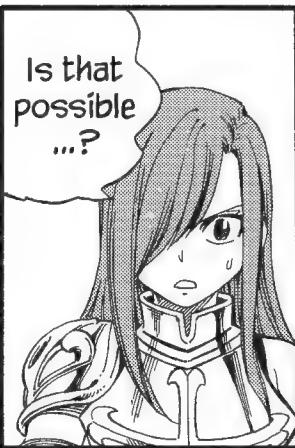


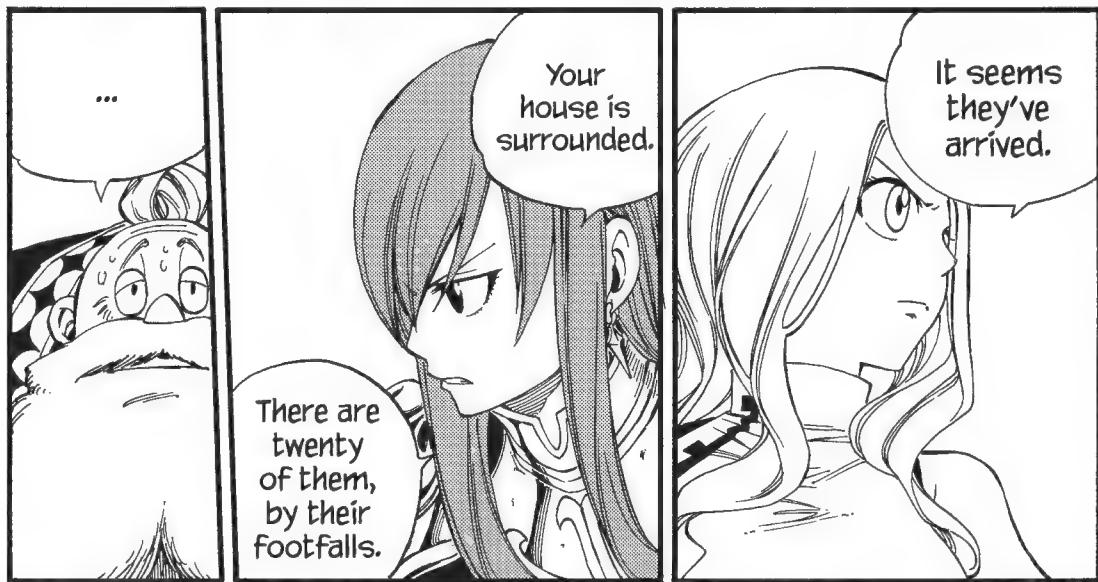






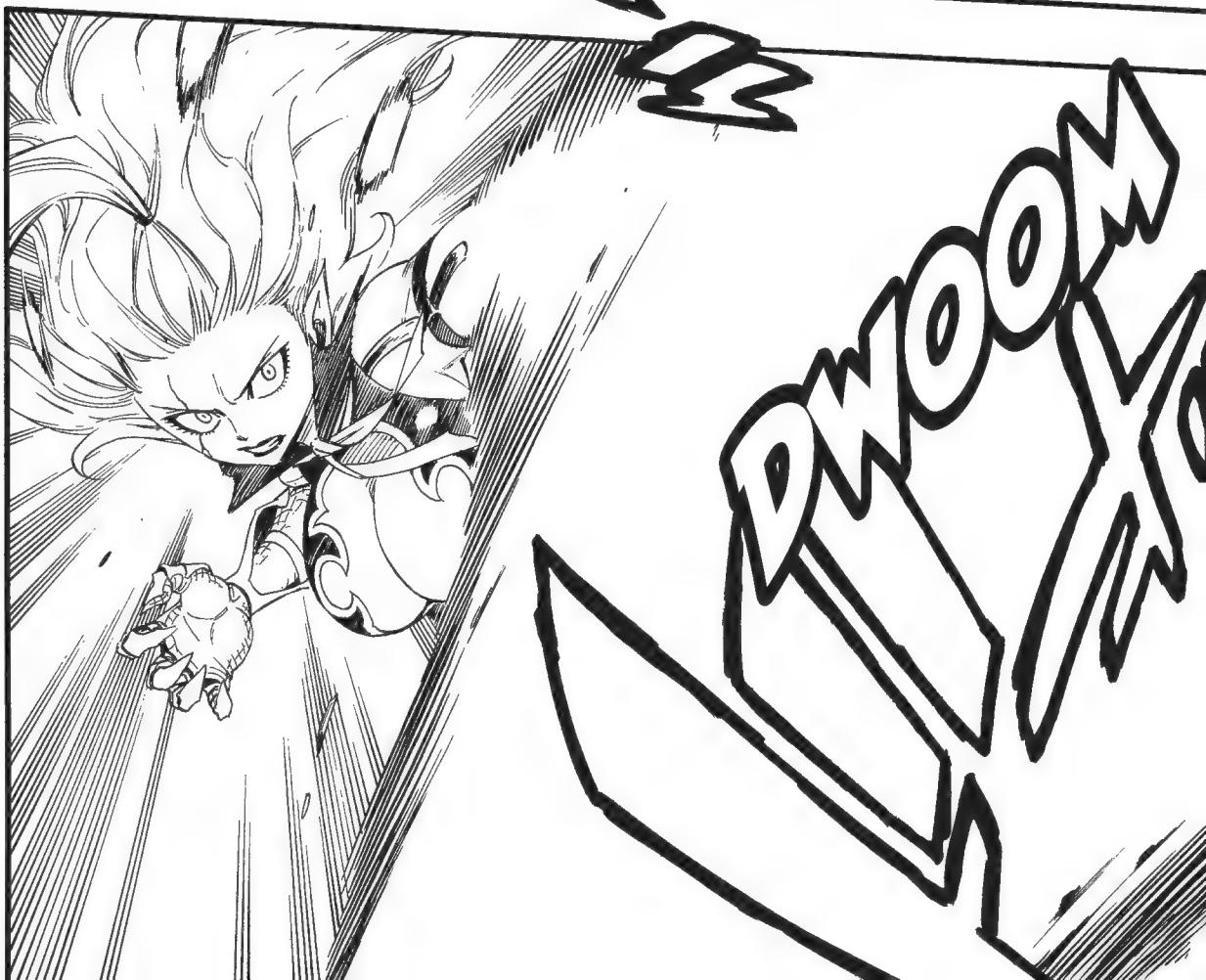
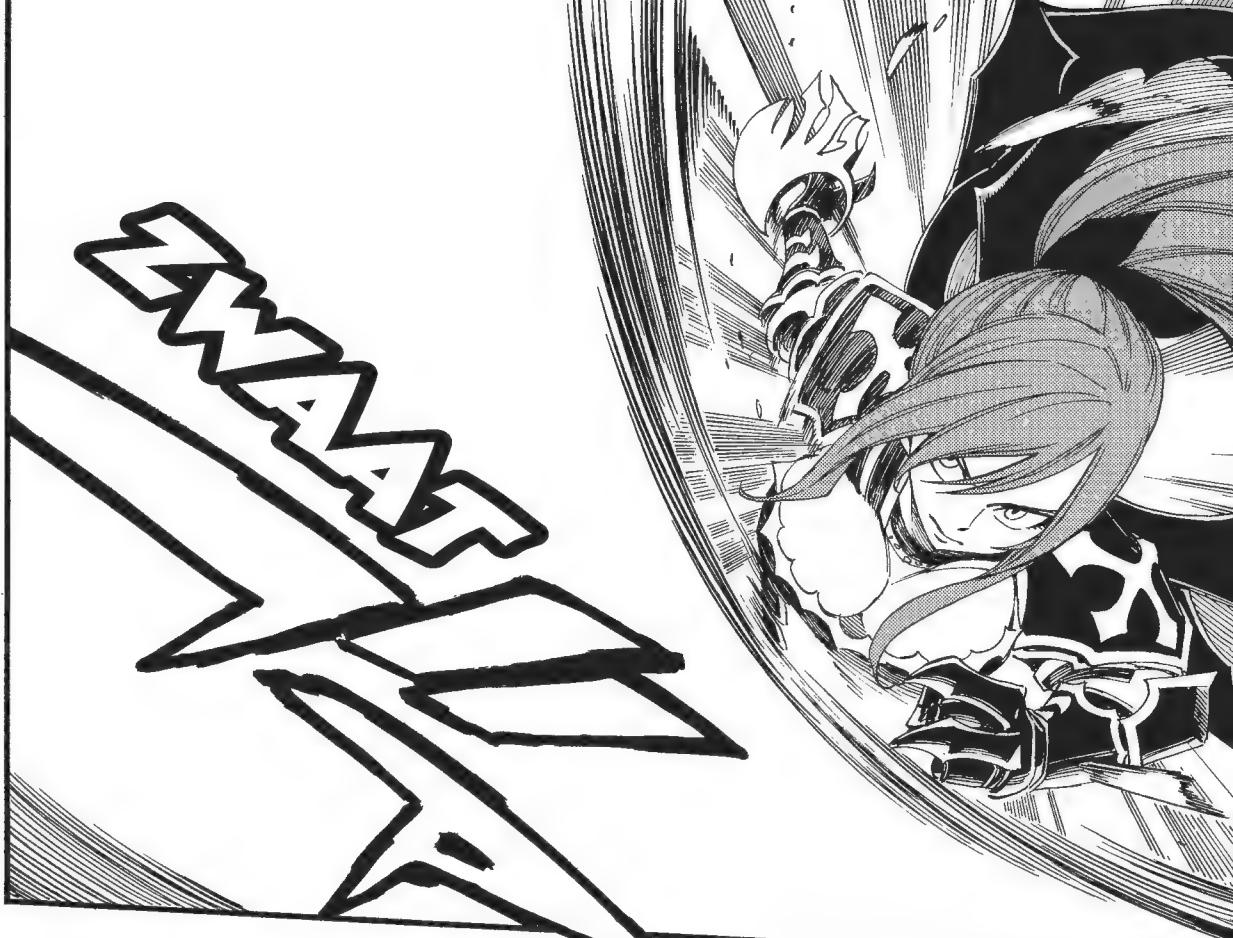


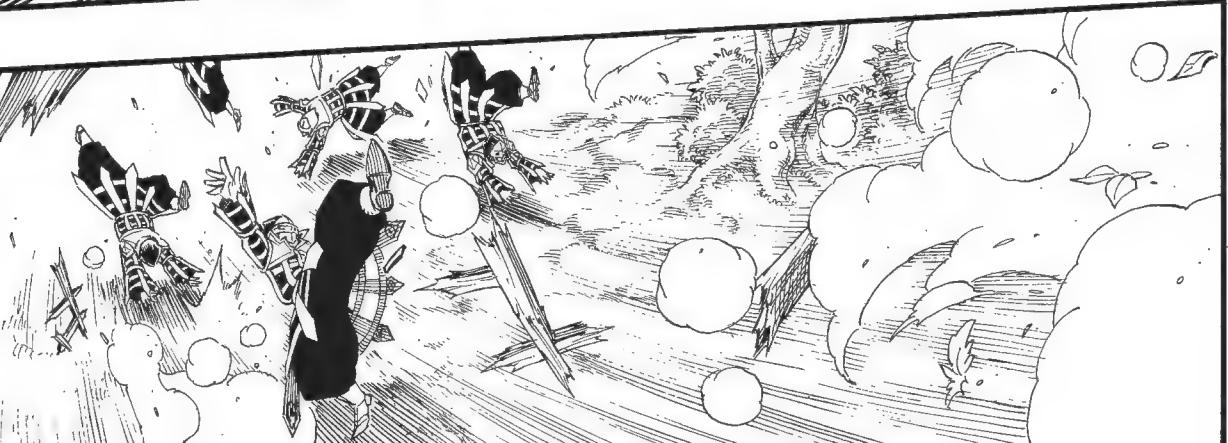
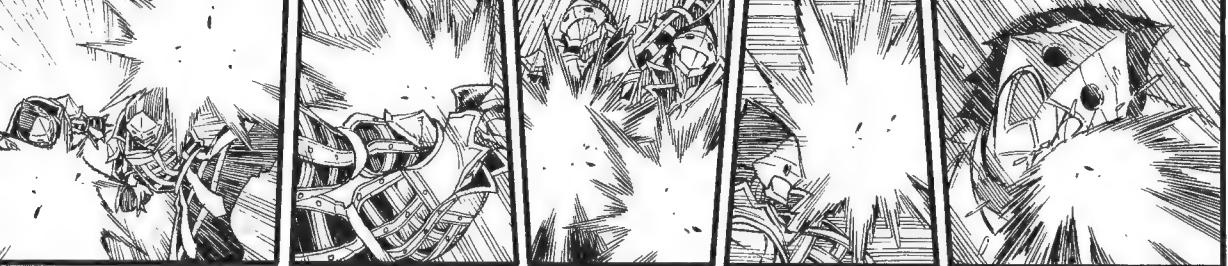




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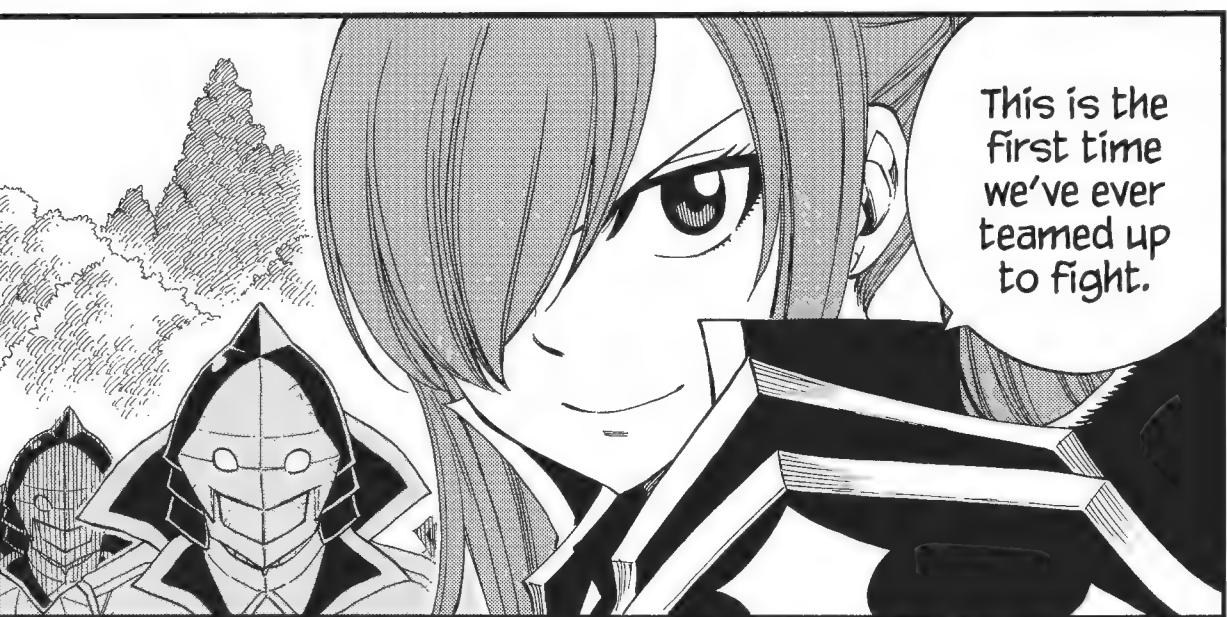


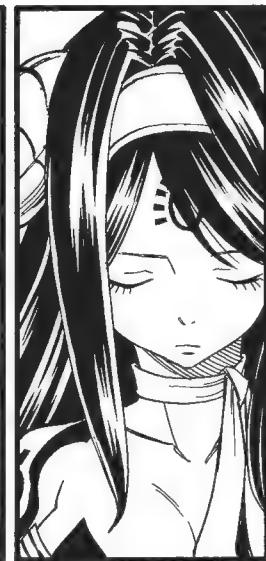
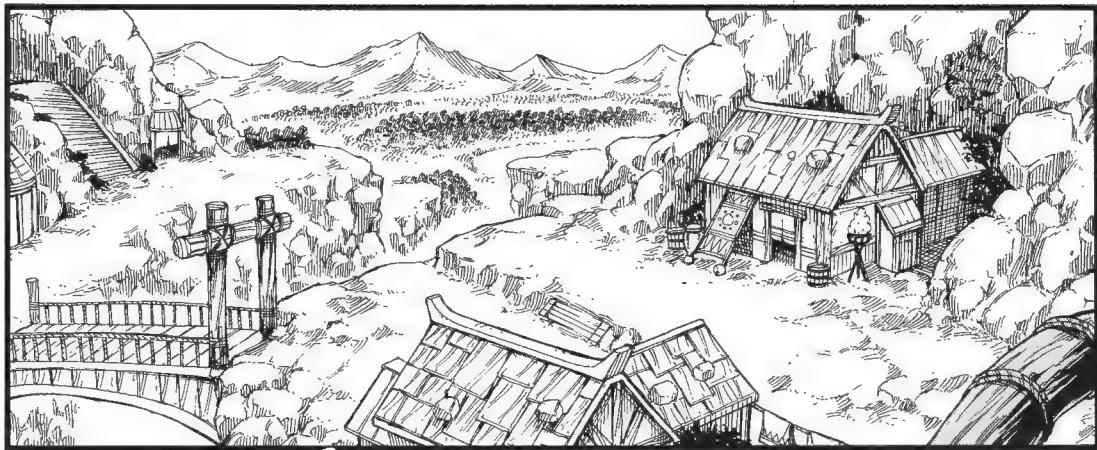


You
won't lay a
finger on the
chairman!

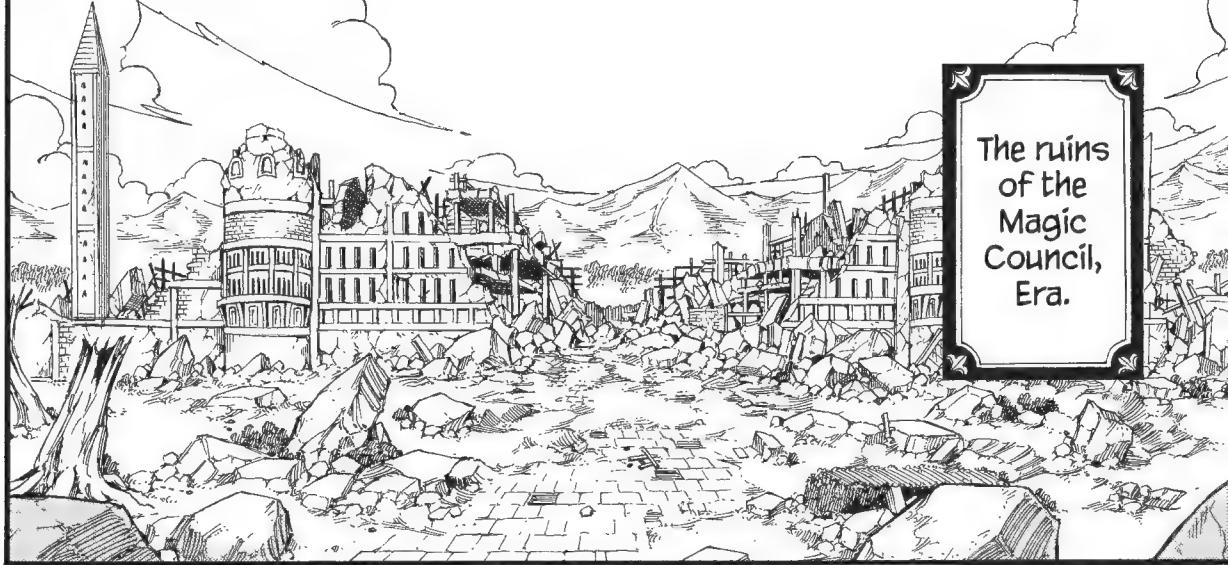
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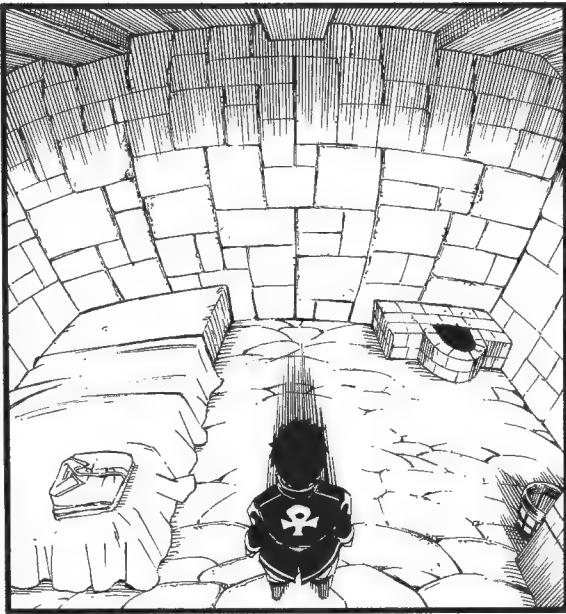








The ruins
of the
Magic
Council,
Era.

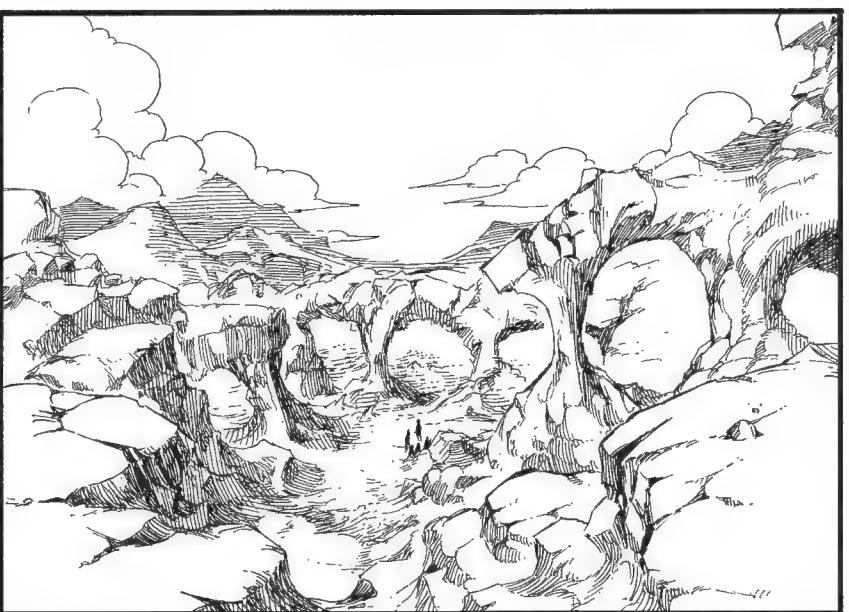


A weapon
that makes
it so no
wizard on
the continent
can use
magic.



It's a
magic
pulse
bomb.

Tartaros
is after
the weapon
called Face.



It seems
our love was
received...by
someone.

Those
words...are
too clichéd.

Freedom
sure is
great!



I never imagined you could possess such negotiating skill.

I commend you, Cobra!



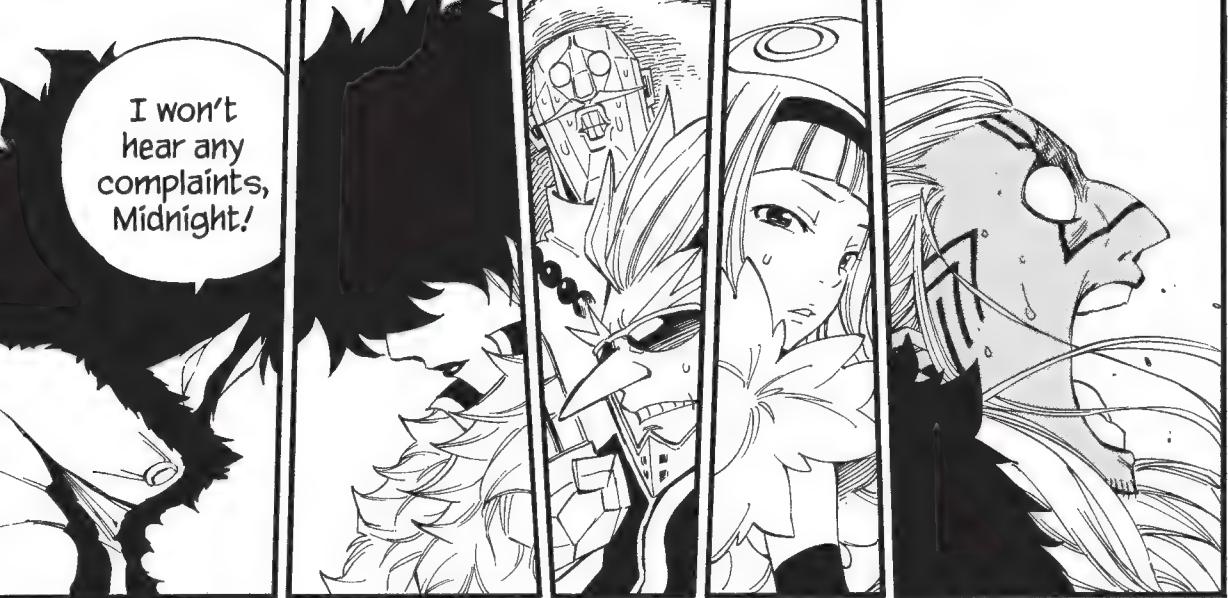
And with this, the Oración Seis...



Heh heh...



...is rebor-

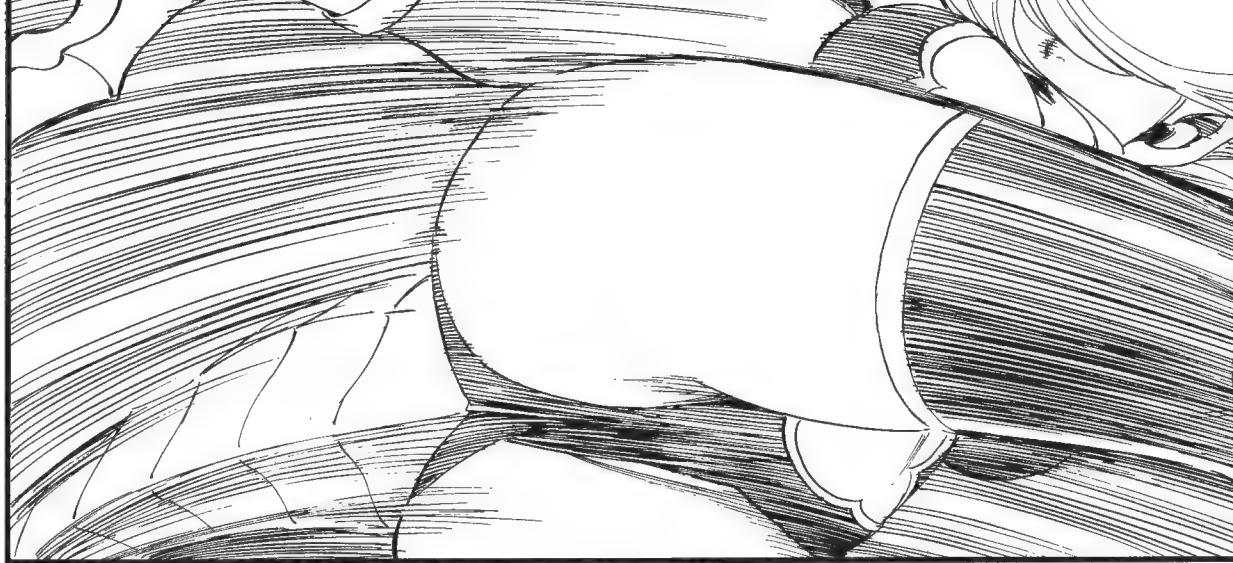




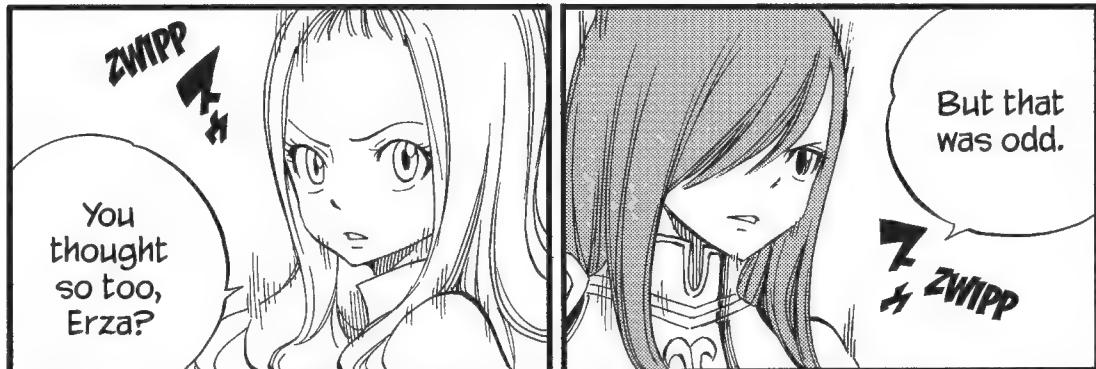
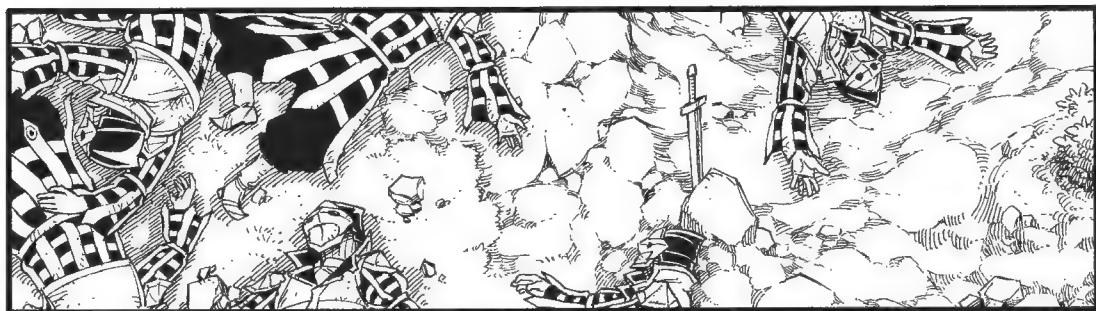
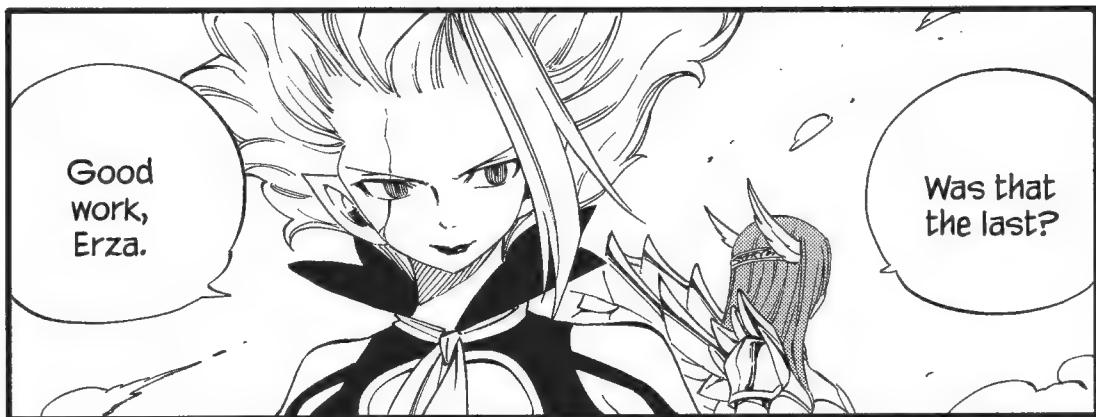




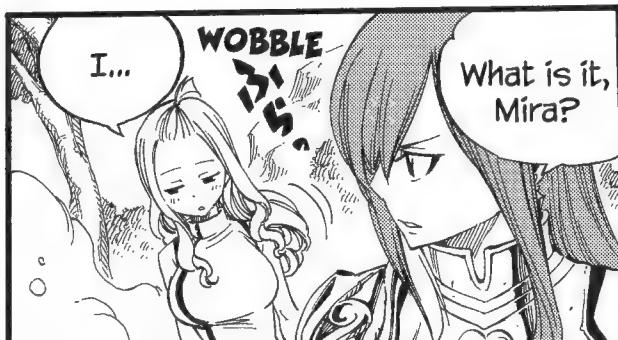
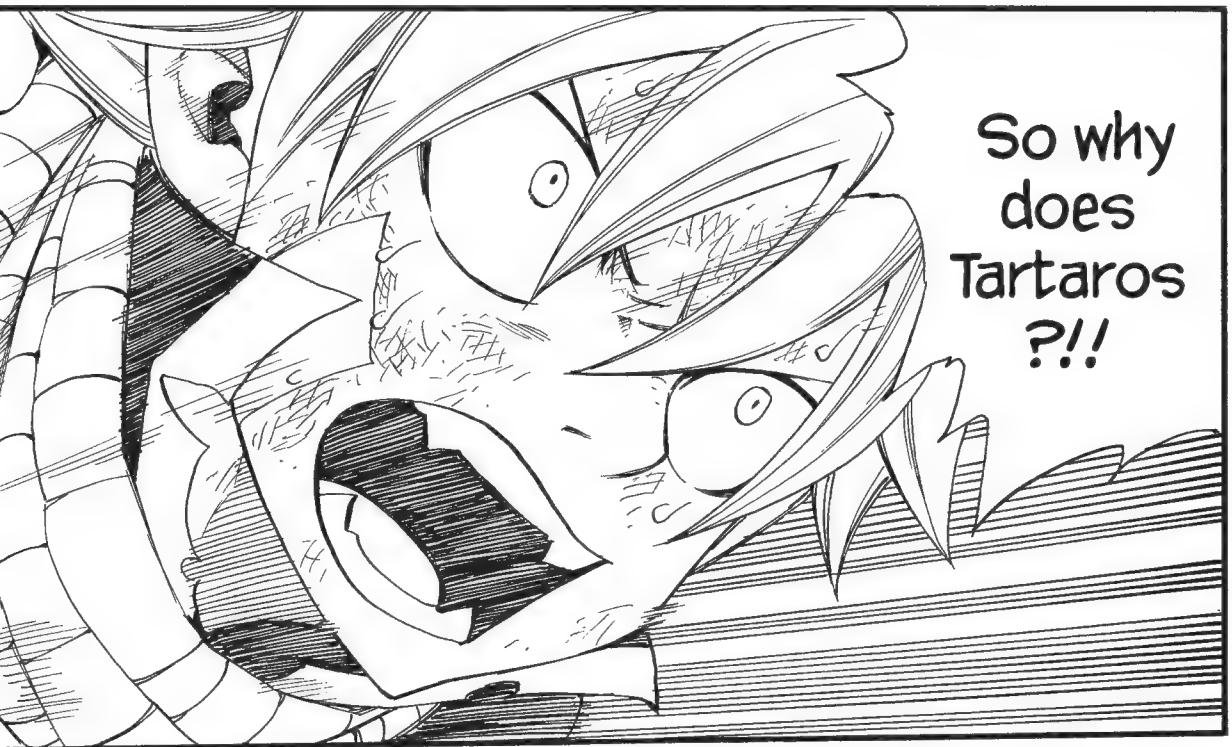
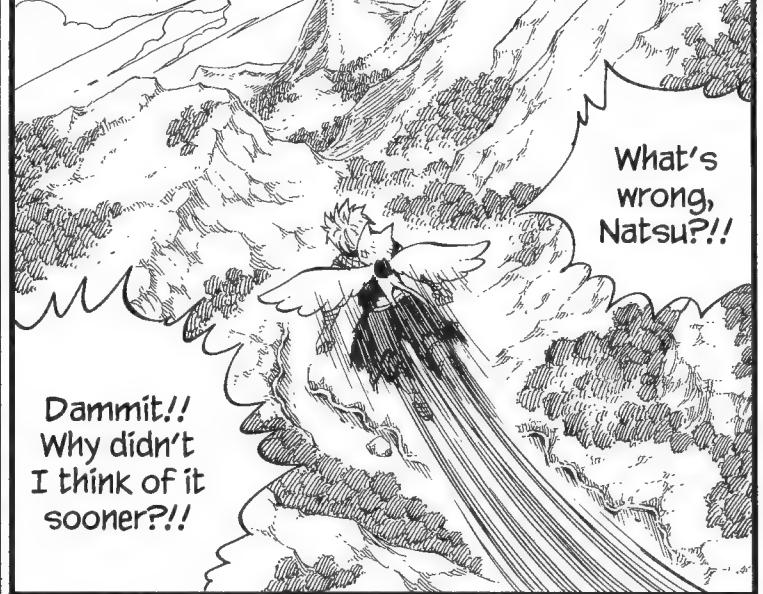
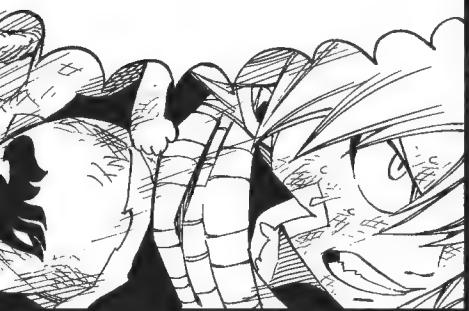




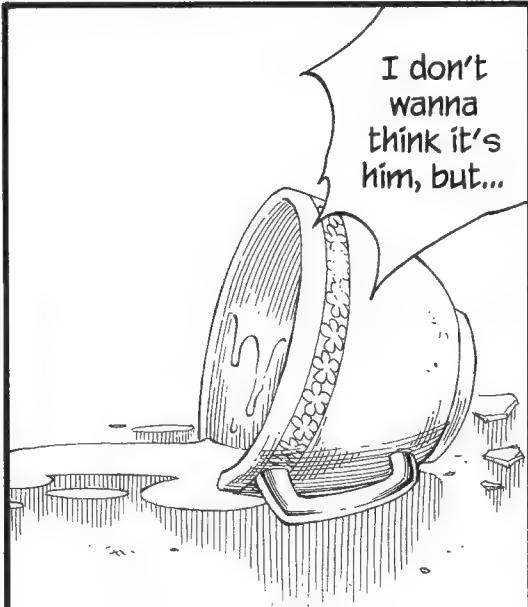
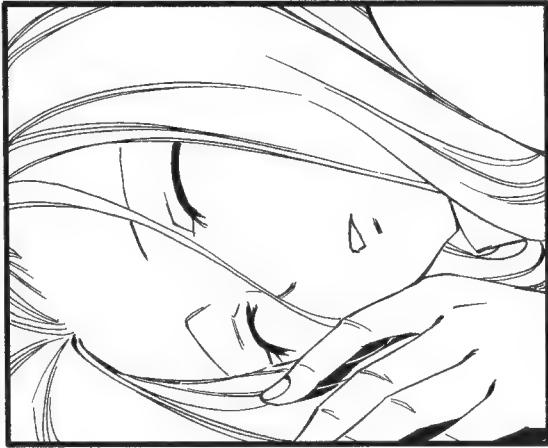




Nobody... not even the present Magic Council, knows where the old members live! And about Face too!













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365 FAIRY IN THE JAIL

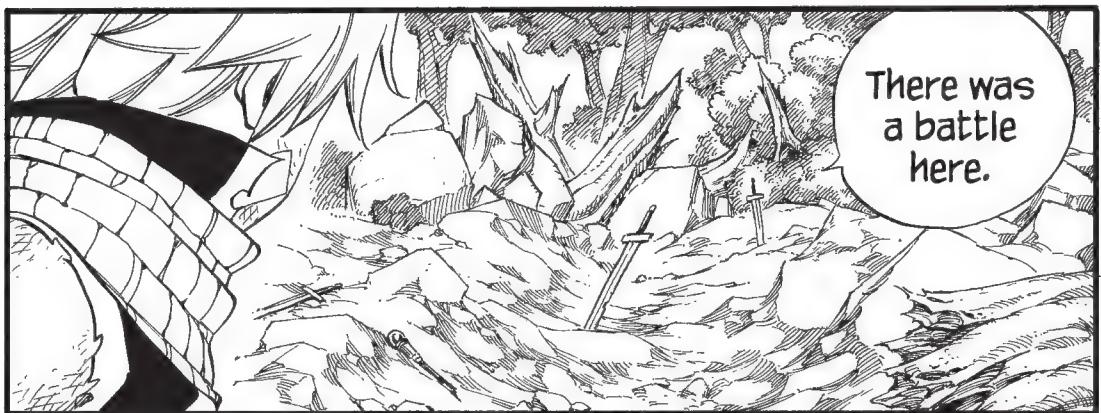


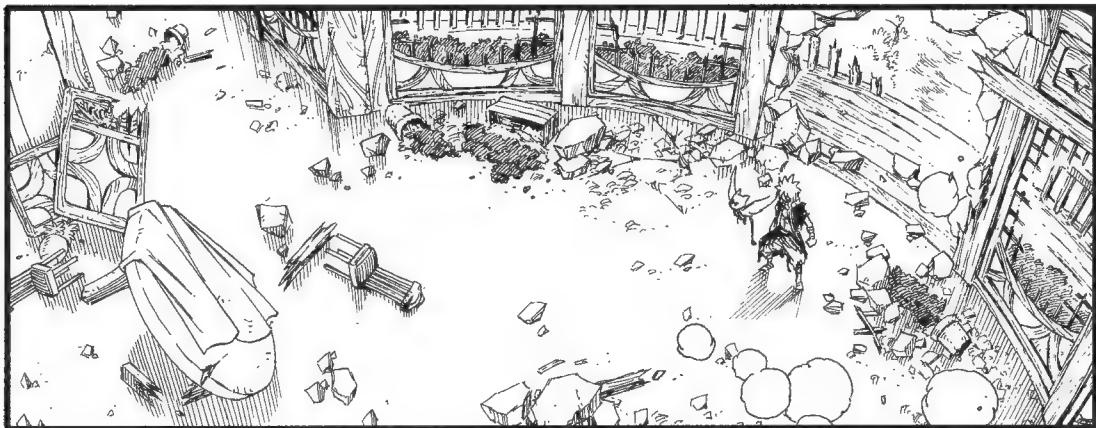
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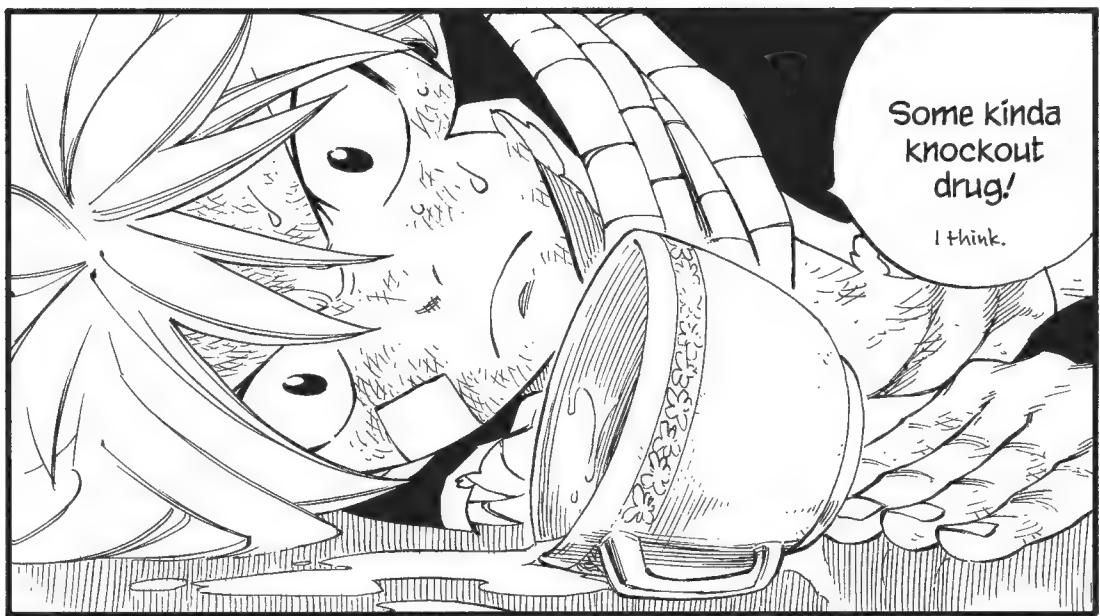
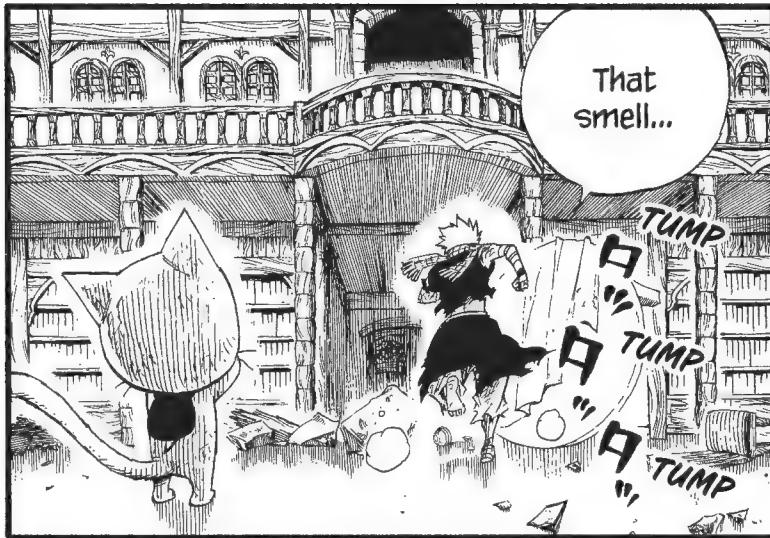




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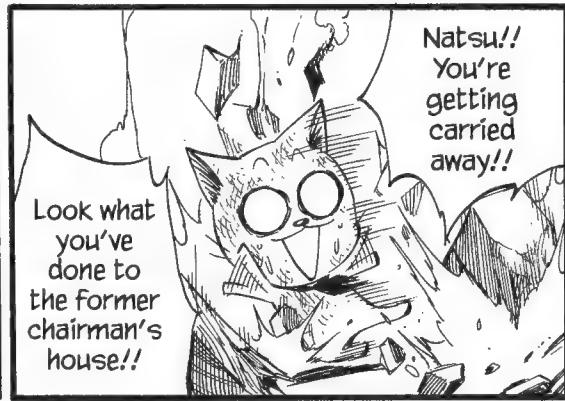
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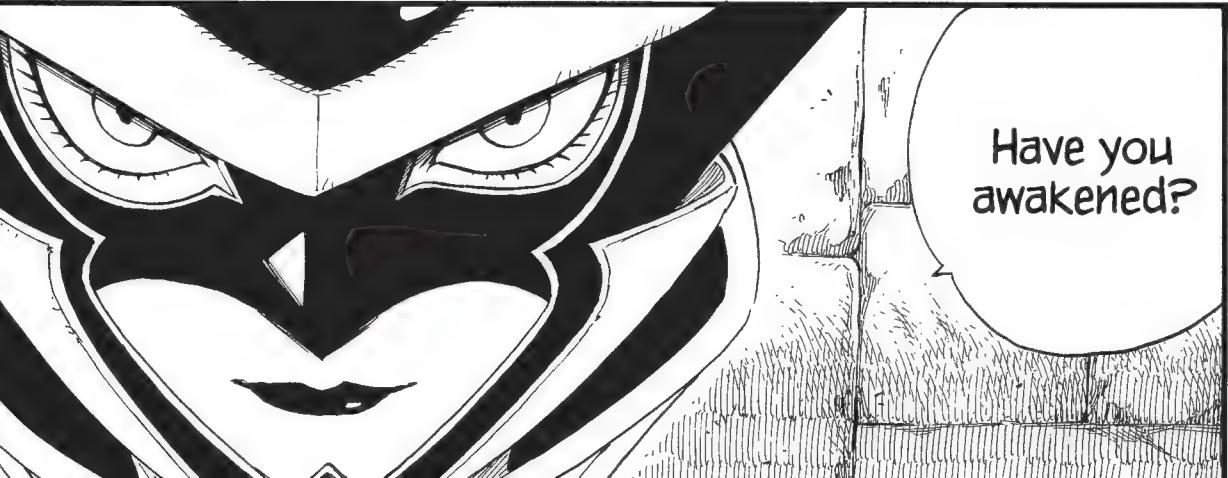
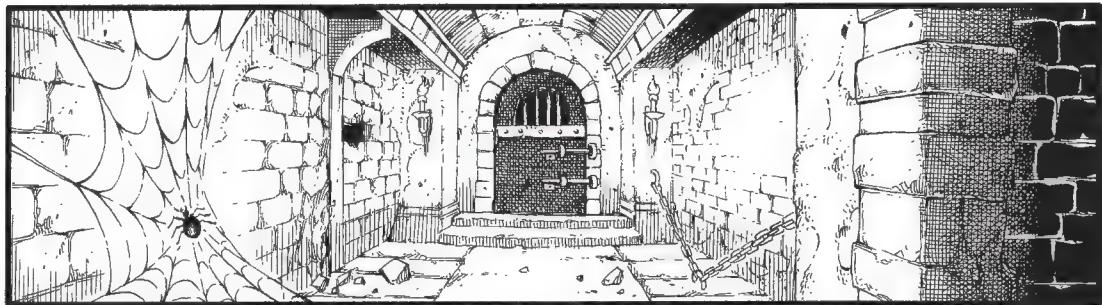
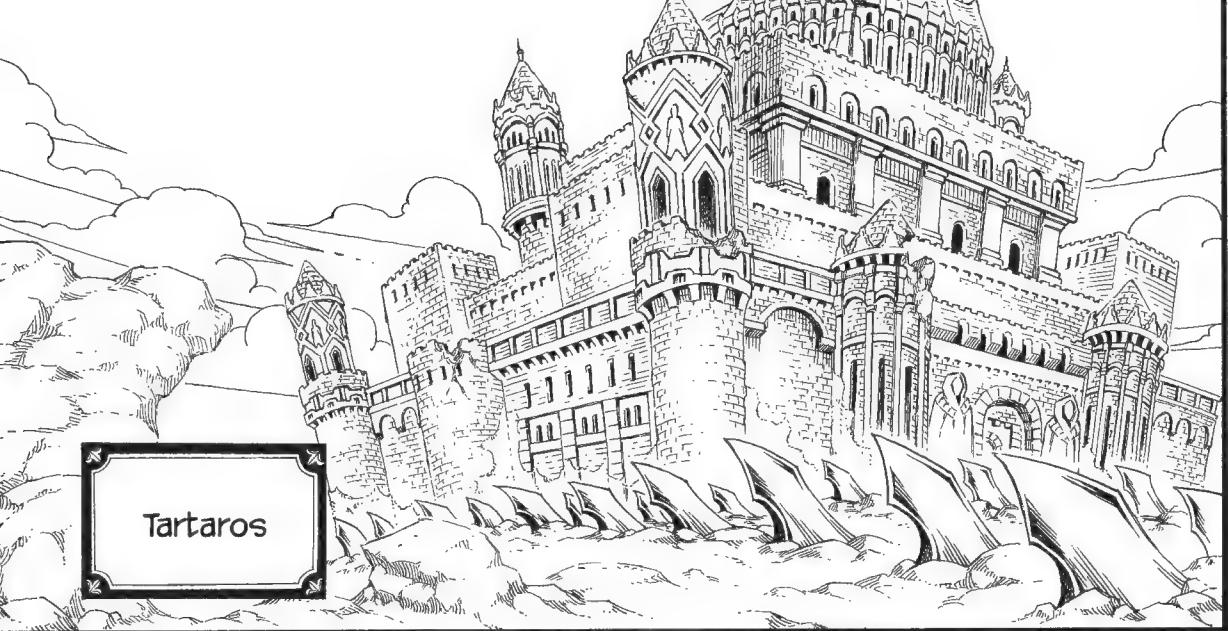
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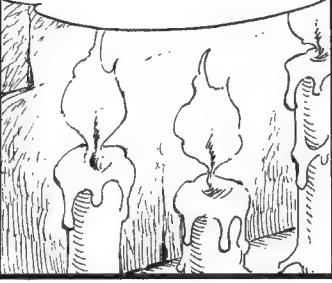
A dragon's
nose ain't
nothin' to
scoff at!!!







You have fallen into his trap, and now you are our prisoner.



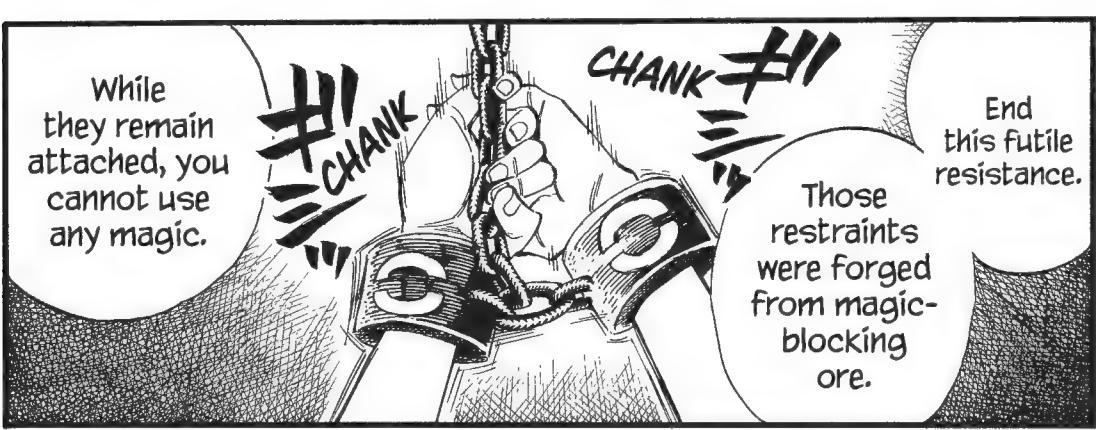
After our plans have come to fruition, he will likely preside over the Council once again.



The former chairman has joined us.



That's impossible!!!!
He would never betray his people!!!!



While they remain attached, you cannot use any magic.

CHANK #11
= 11
Those restraints were forged from magic-blocking ore.

End this futile resistance.



She yet lives.



Mira...!!
Where
is my
friend?!!



But to do
that, her
flesh must
be altered.



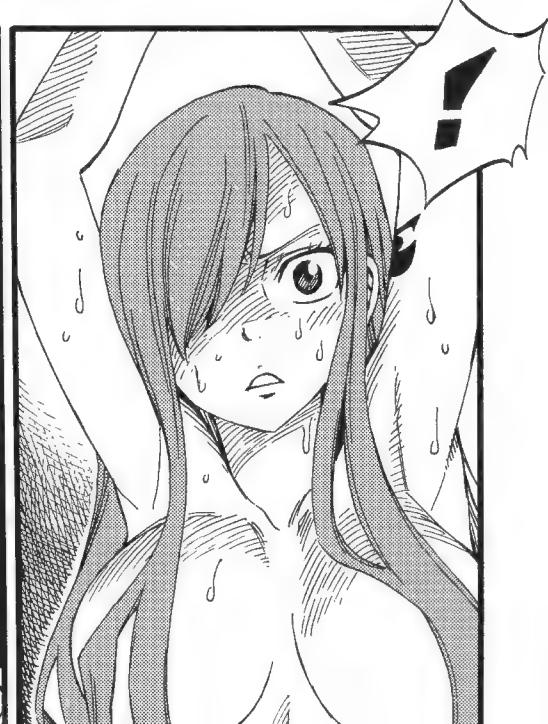
She will
become
this one's
subordinate.

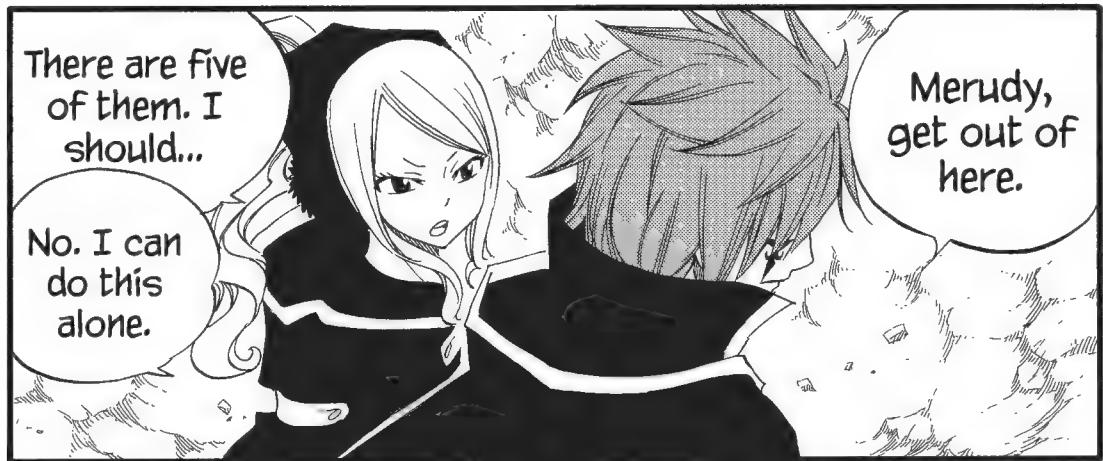


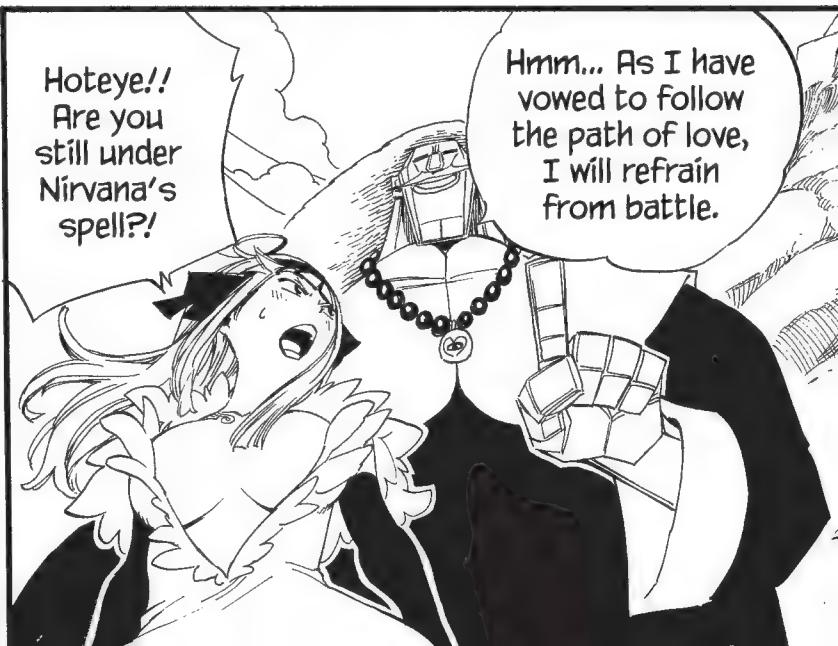
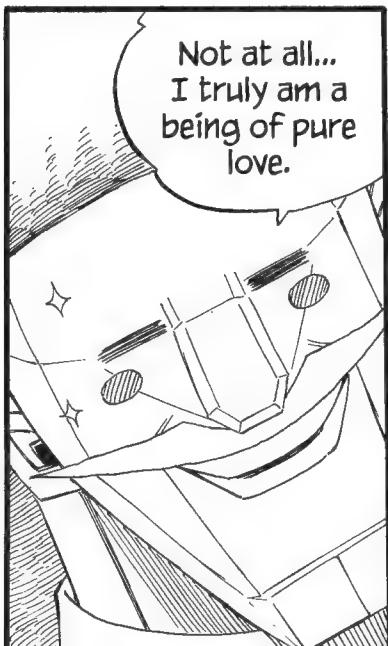
Don't
do it
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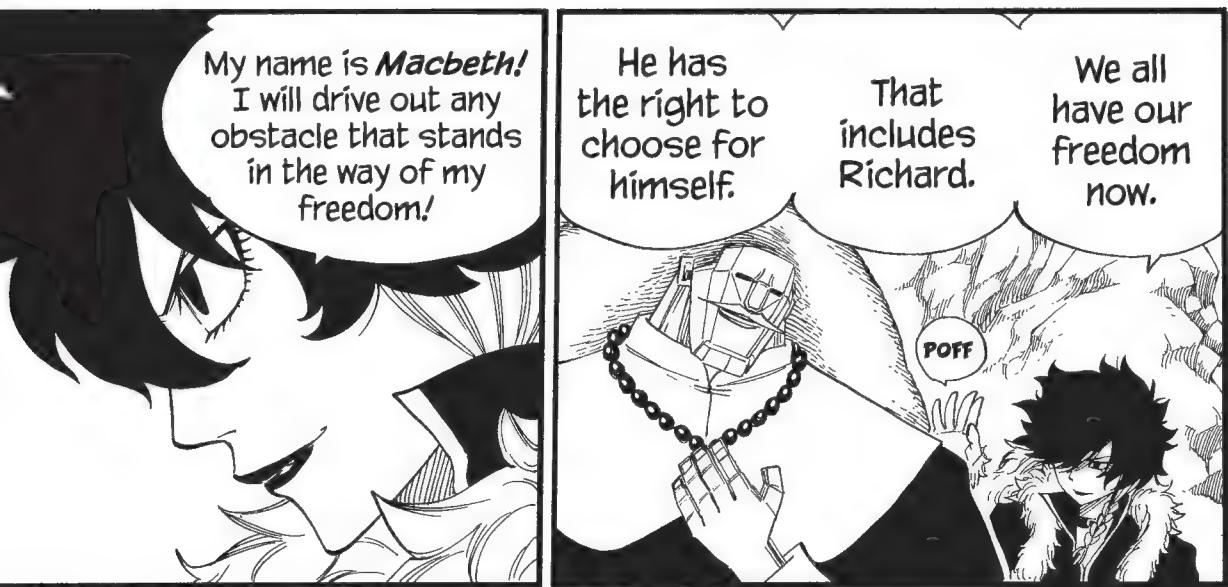


You have
knowledge
this one
seeks.





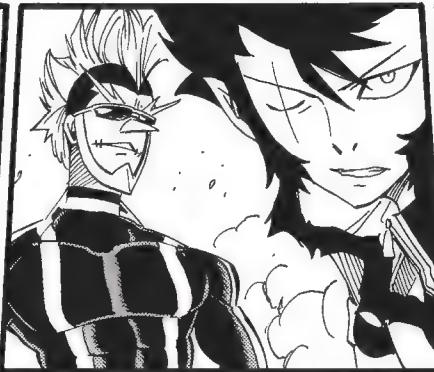
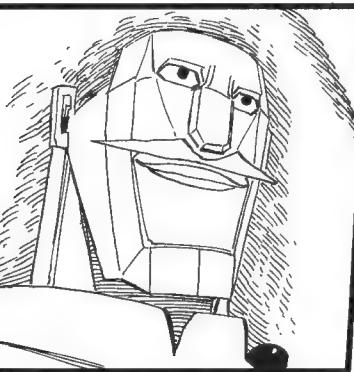


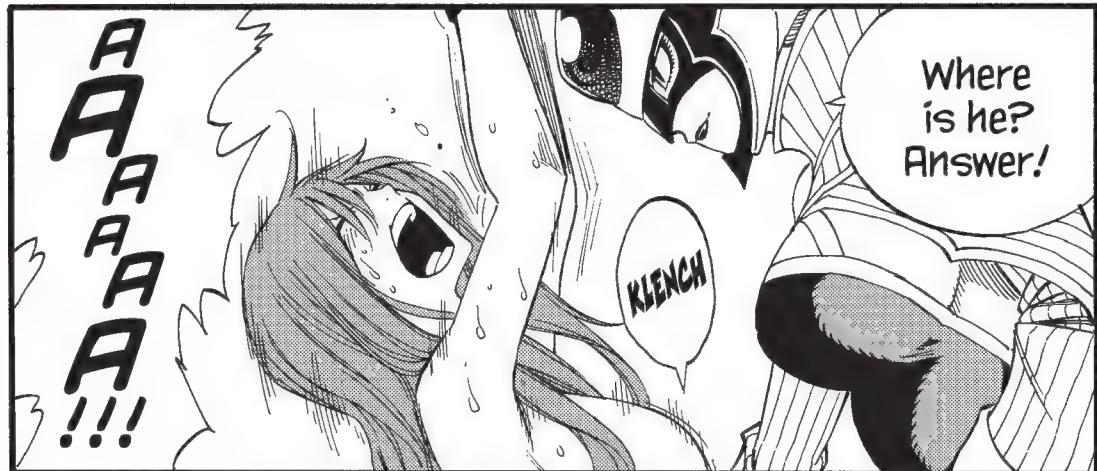
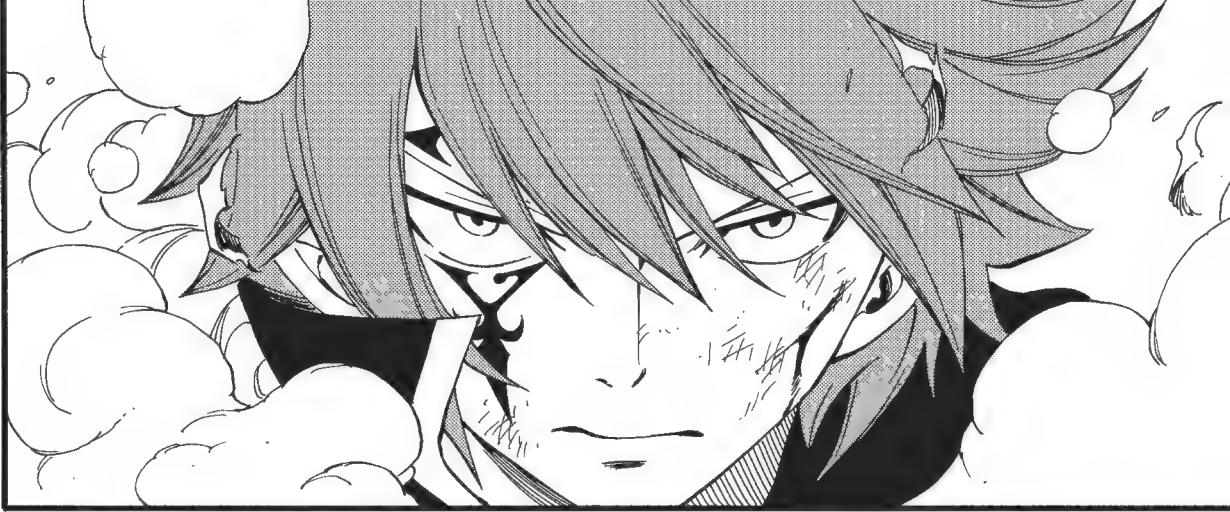


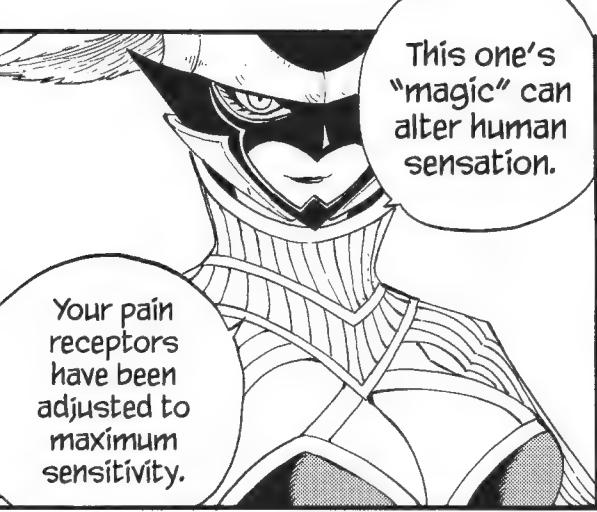


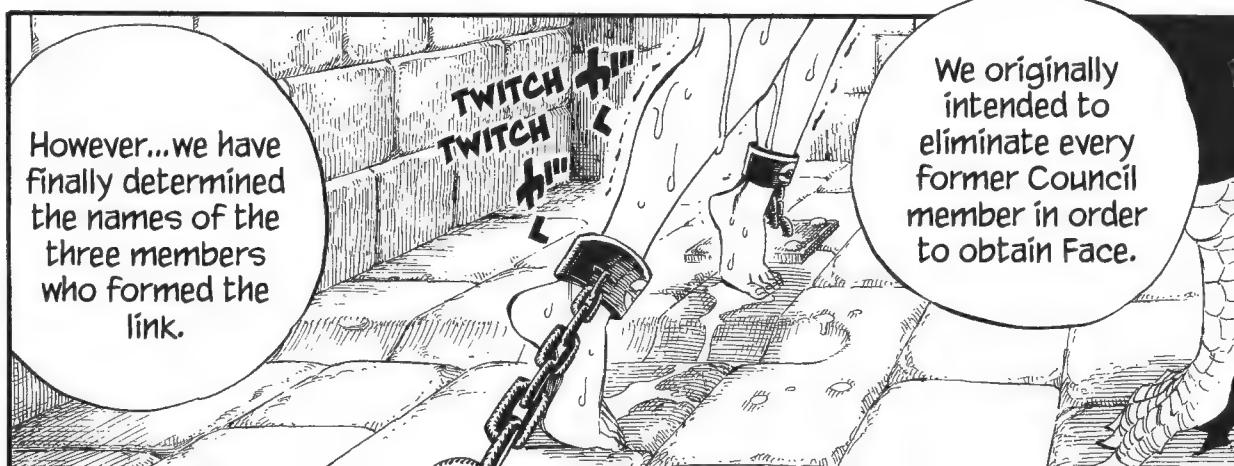
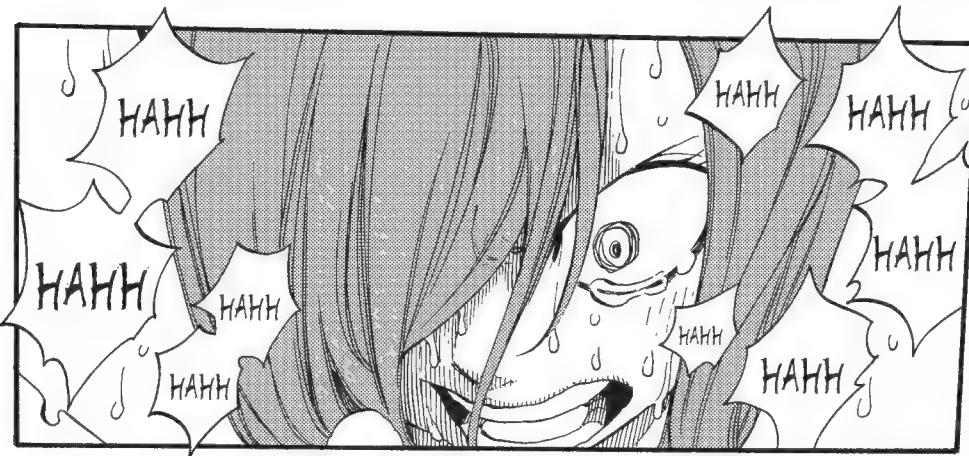












However...we have finally determined the names of the three members who formed the link.

We originally intended to eliminate every former Council member in order to obtain Face.





Once Jellal
is dead, the
wards around
Face will
dissolve.



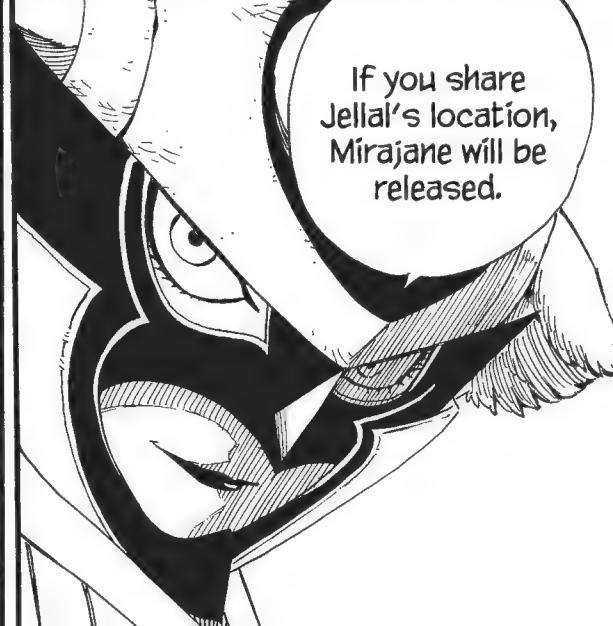
I don't
know!! I
honestly
don't know
where Jellal
is!!

Oh, dear... Has this
one let something
slip? And now that
you know, you will be
yet more reluctant
to talk.

Perhaps
this will
loosen your
tongue?

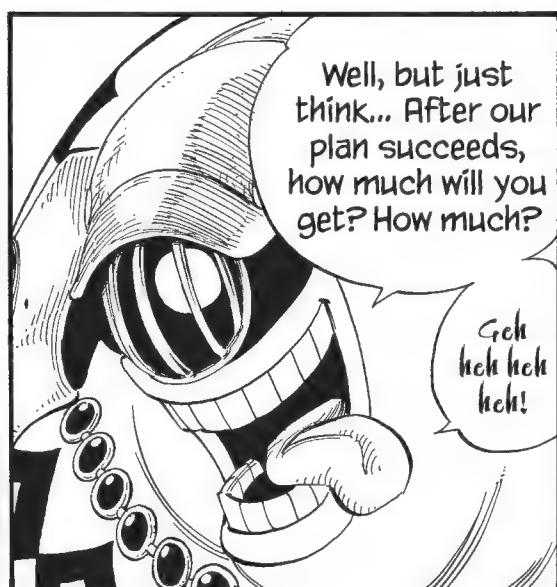


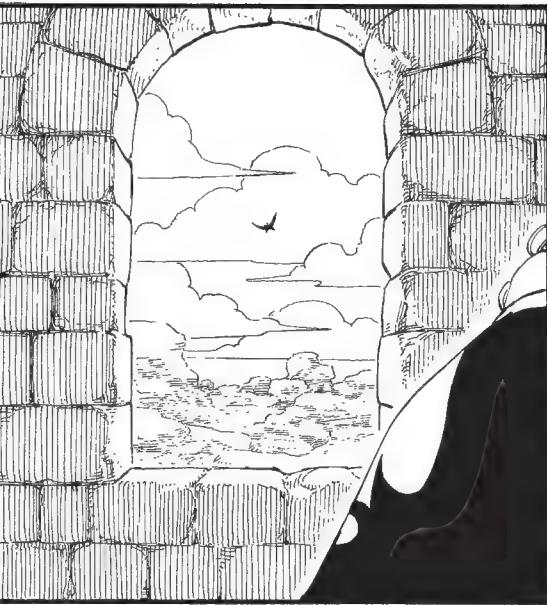
No...



If you share
Jellal's location,
Mirajane will be
released.

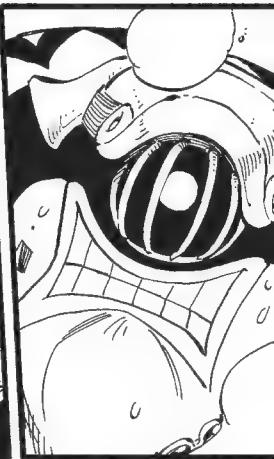








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Chapter 366: 1,000 Souls

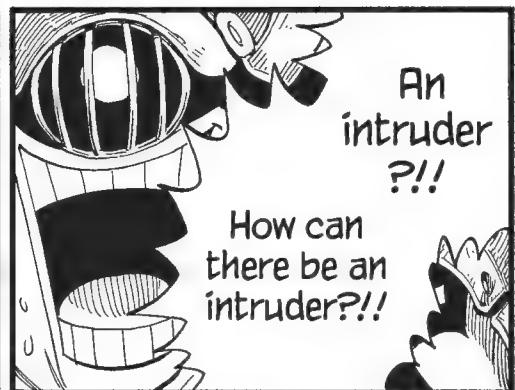
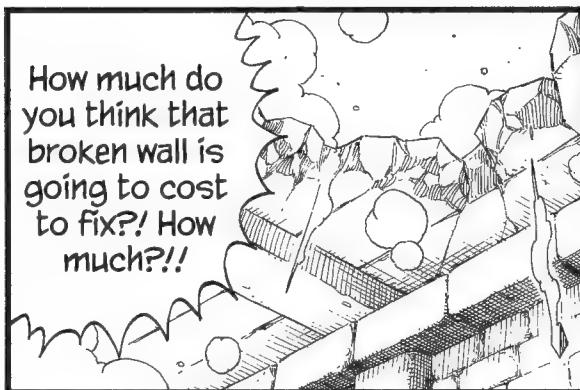
MERMAID HEEL	
Name:	Kaga Mikazuchi
Age:	23
Magic:	Gravity Magic, among others
Likes:	Her brother
Dislikes:	Jellal
 	

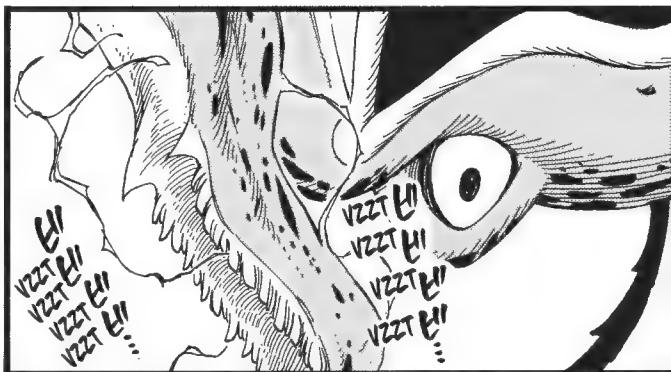
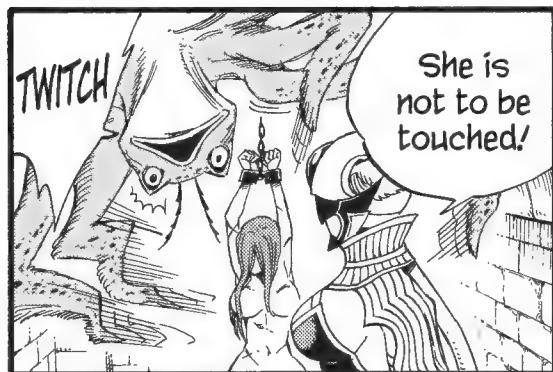
Remarks

Like Erza, she came from Rosemary Village, but the child snatchers took her brother away. Ever since then, she's studied magic and the sword in order to find him again.

When she met Millianna, she learned about the death of her brother, and decided to dedicate her sword to a new goal: revenge against Jellal. But after encountering Erza in the Grand Magic Games, she has started to have doubts about her determination as well as her hatred of Jellal.







Gimme Erza
and Mira
back!!!

So they
are here!

You're
Fairy Tail,
then?

Oh,
my! You're
talking about
the human
captives?

How much
will he pay for
this blunder?
How much?!

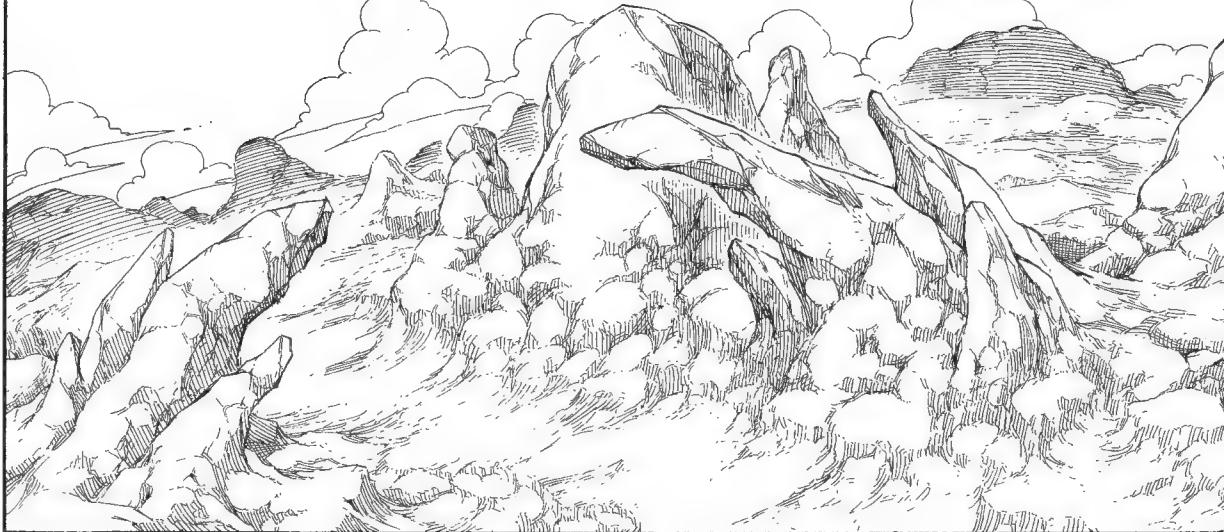
You couldn't
have followed
the chairman,
could you?

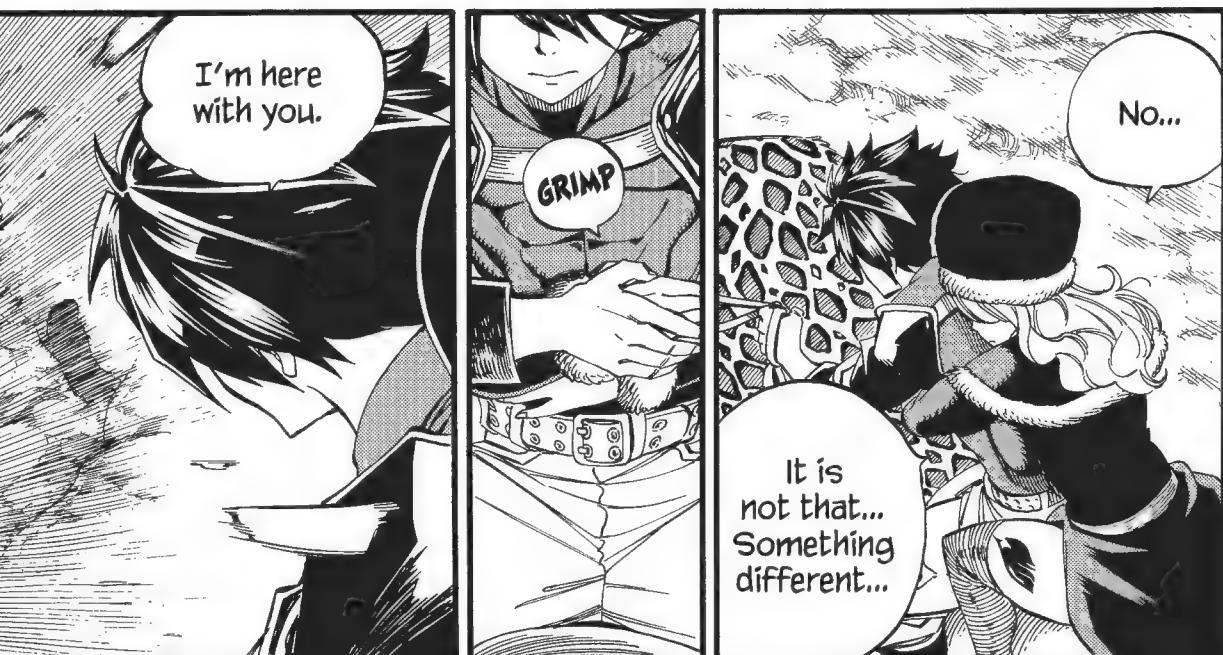
How did you
know about
this place?

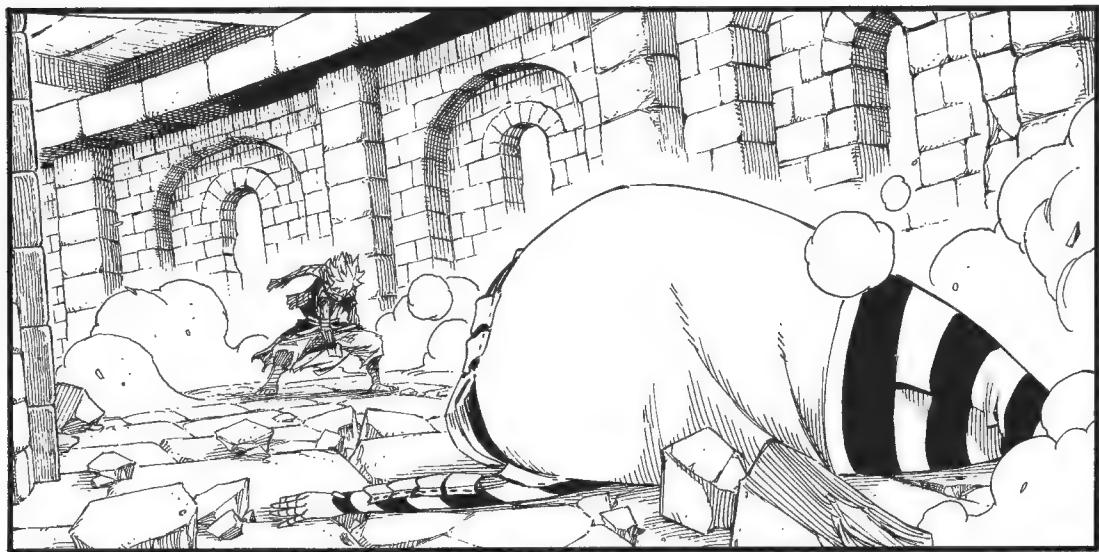


YOU
talk too
much
!!!

WHOOOM







The price
is 1,000
souls!!!!







*Fire Dragon's

ÄKÜ-
GEKI*
!!!!

DOOOOM

*Crushing Blitz

SHIZA AND

He took Natsu's flame at point-blank range, and still he...

Your cost just went up to 2,000 souls, you idiot!!!!

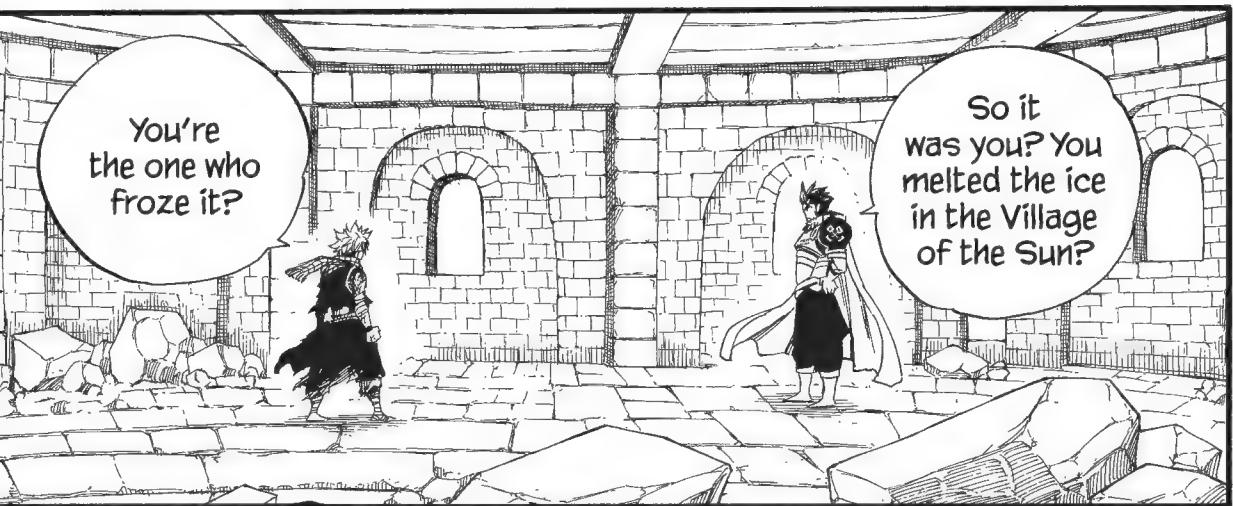
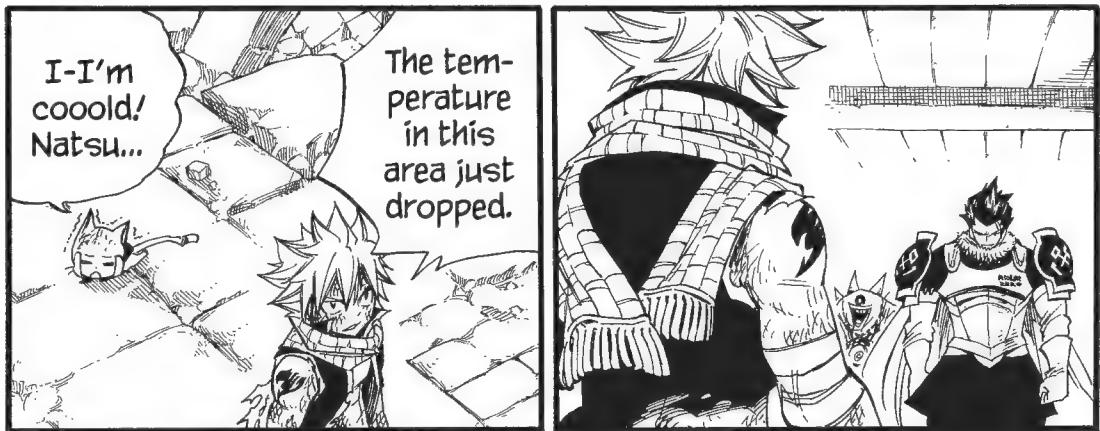
Huh?!

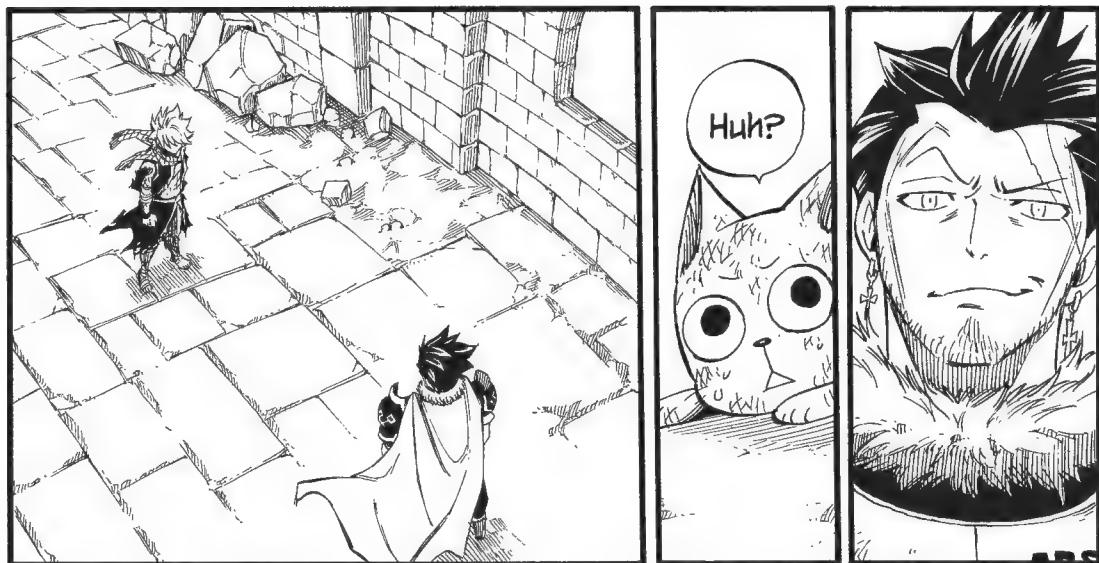
Franmalth, that's enough.

You get the chairman to safety.

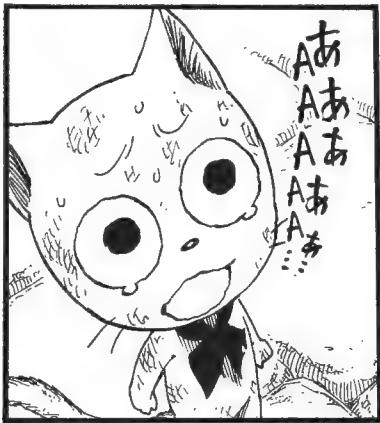
Let me take it from here.











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Chapter 367: Jellal vs. Oración Seis



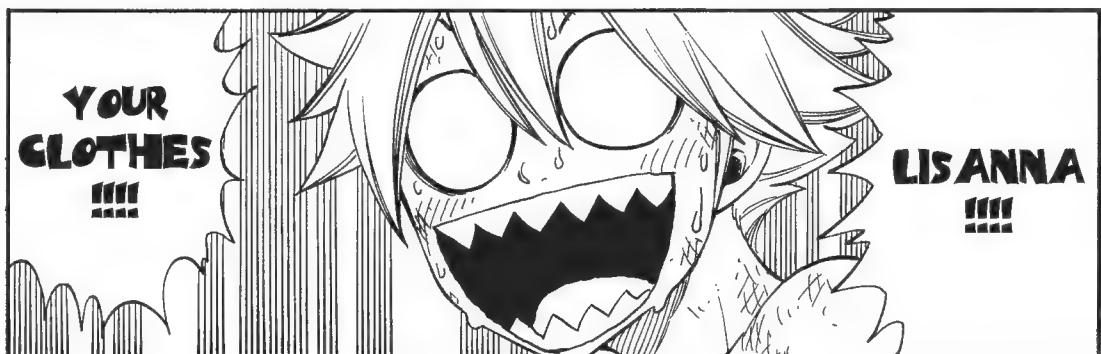
MERMAID HEEL	
Name: Millianna	Age: 23
Magic:	Binding Magic
Likes:	Dislikes:
Cats	Shrimp & Lobster
	

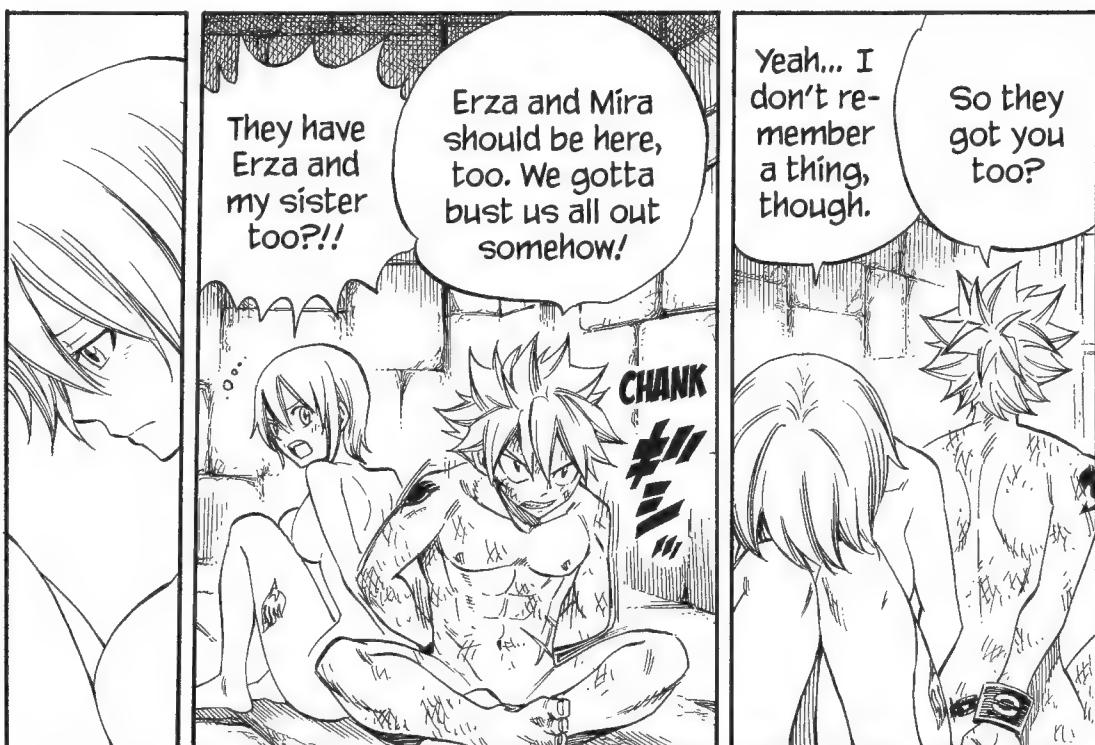
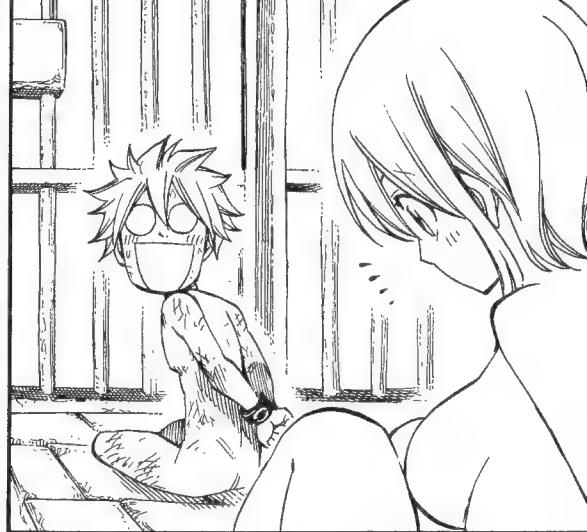
Remarks

While out traveling, she met Kagura, and was immediately charmed by her. After that, she entered Mermaid Heel and improved her skills. Knowing she and Erza would finally be reunited at the Grand Magic Games, Millianna wore a hood so she could surprise her.

She is still in contact with Shô and Wally while the two are happily traveling the world. Her favorite saying is, "Are you all pumped up?"







Who would expect that they'd manage to capture so many of us...?

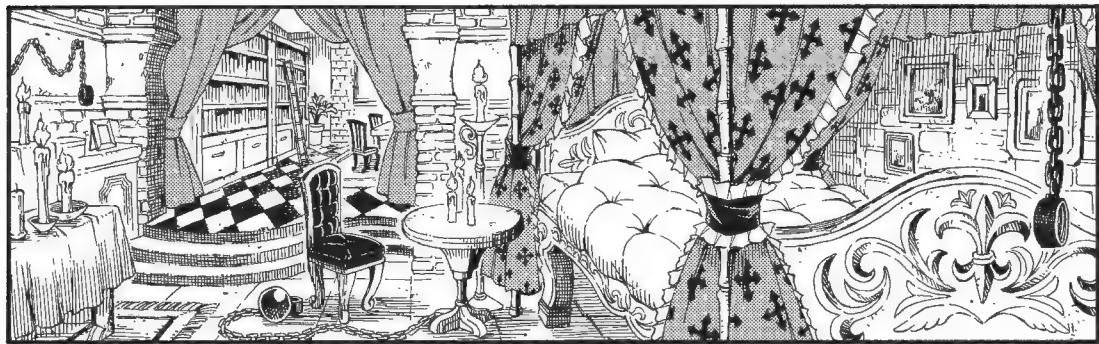
This enemy is way better than any we've faced before...

What'll we do...? I'll bet Elf is locked up, too...

But first, we gotta get outta here!!!

Ain't nothing different!! We're still gonna win!!!

Natsu...





When we find and eliminate the single remaining link, Jellal, we may activate Face.

Of the three, two were among the targets we have already disposed of.



Are we near to finding this Jellal?



And yet, it is one we require.

Face... A magic pulse bomb seems like a frightening, world-ending weapon.



Yes, I am well aware of that.



However, we must prevent Fairy Tail from diverting us any longer.

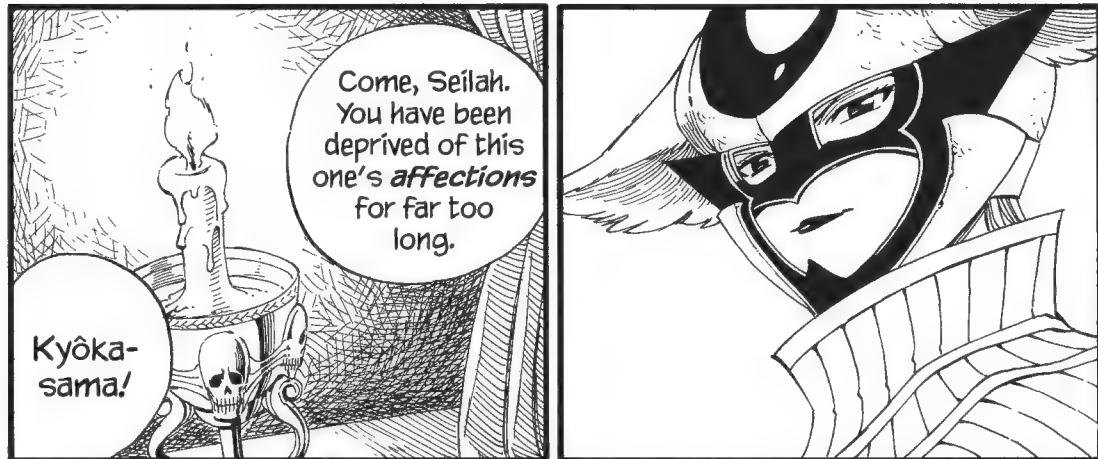
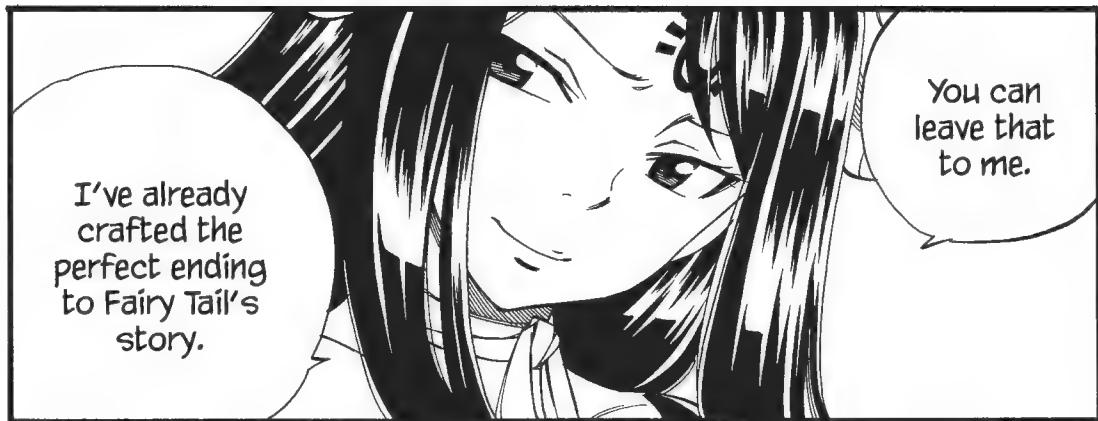
Your "Macro" would be effective as well, though that approach offers little sport.



Loosening lips is your specialty, Kyôka-sama.

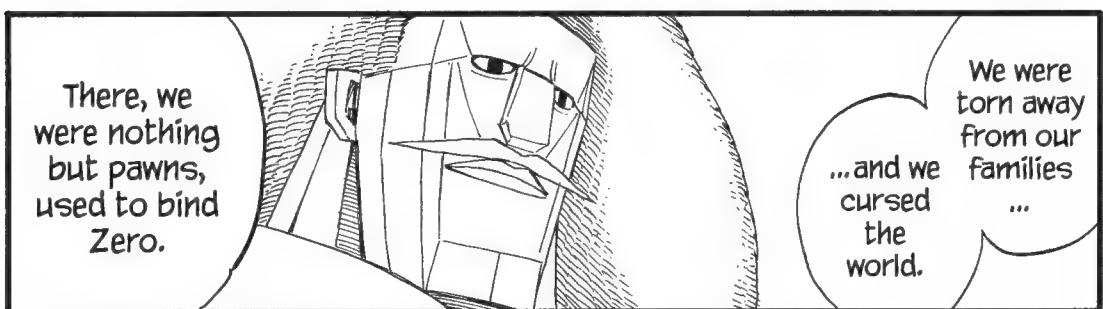
That will depend on Erza.

SHUP

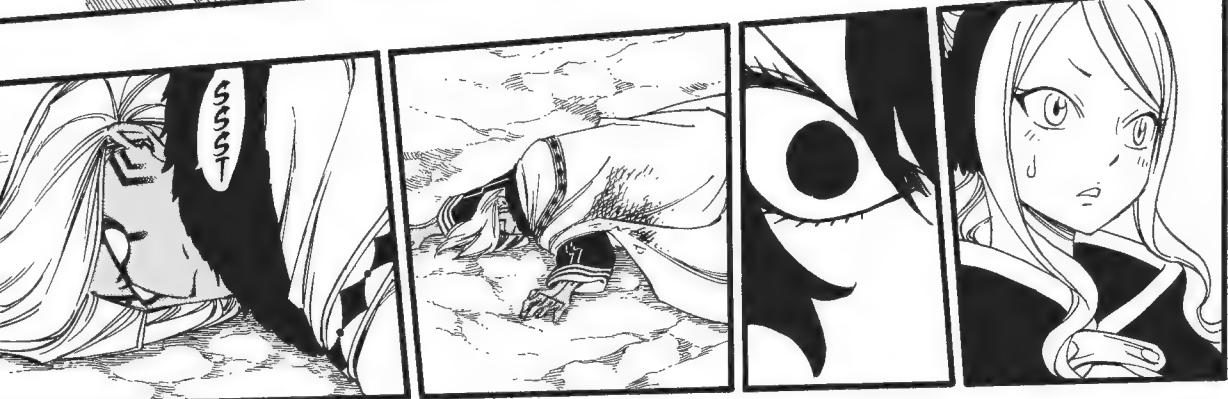






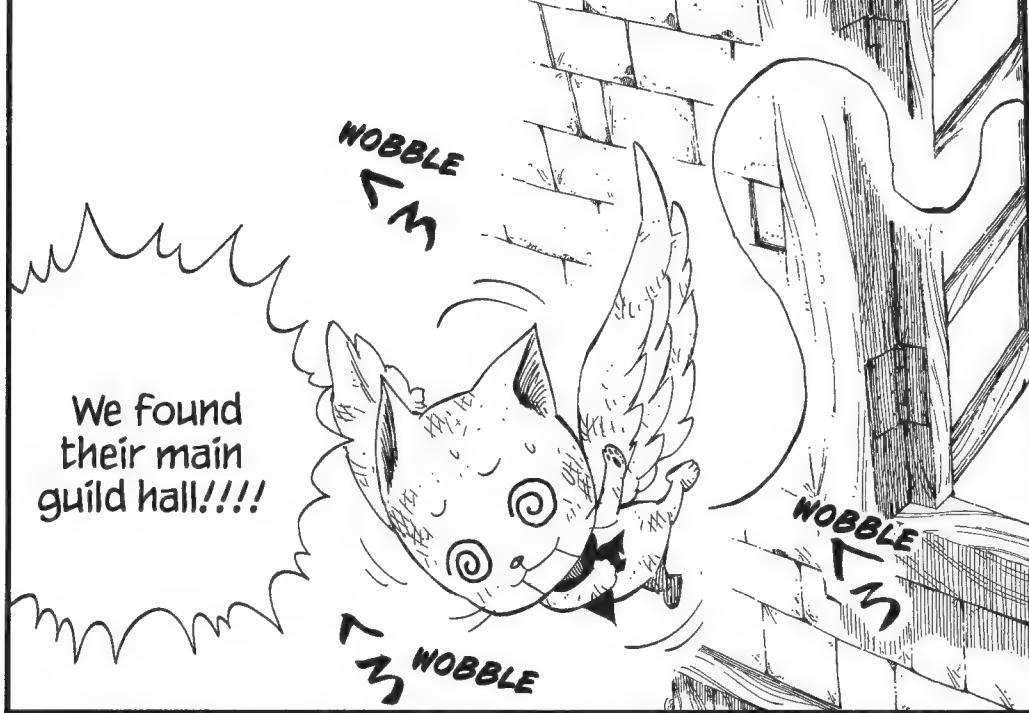




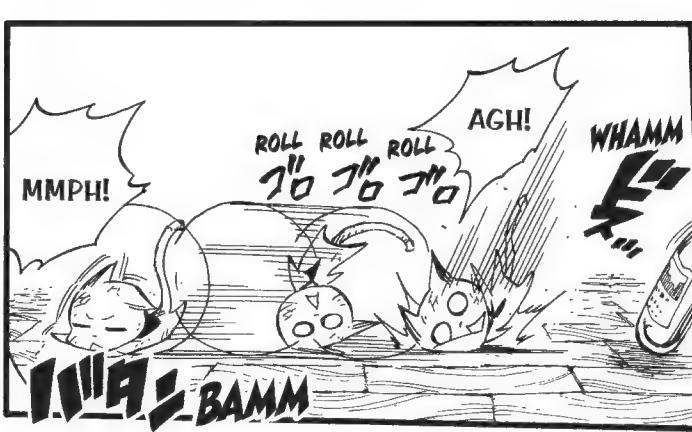


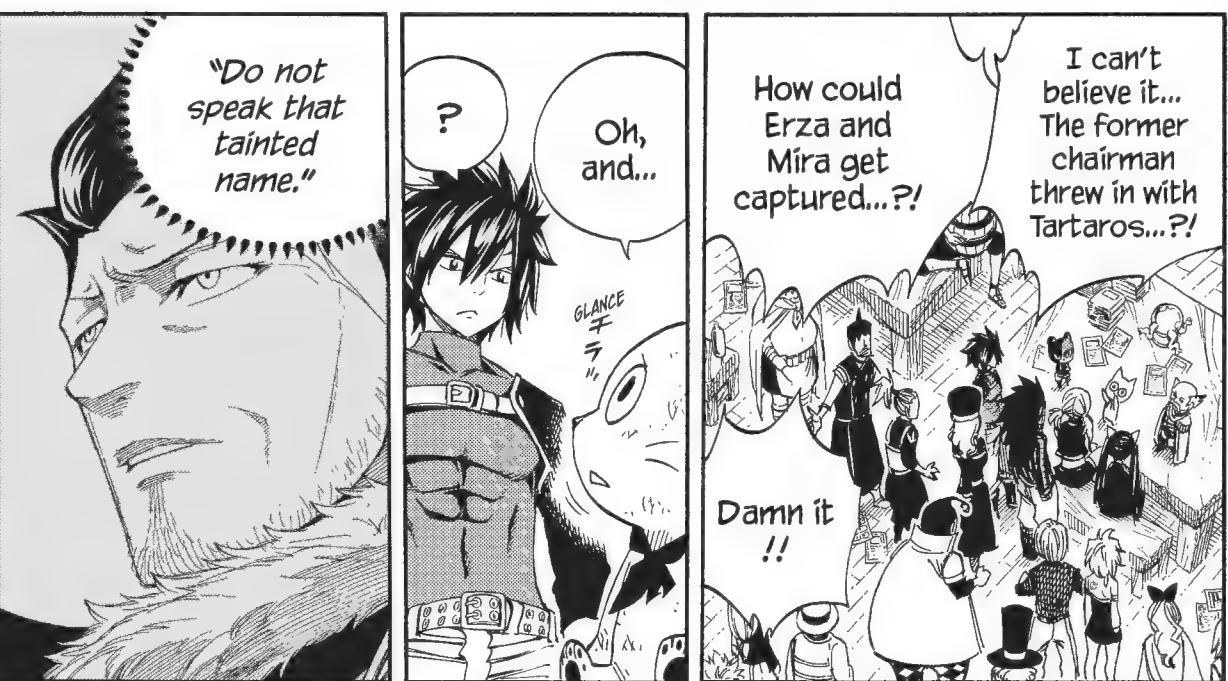
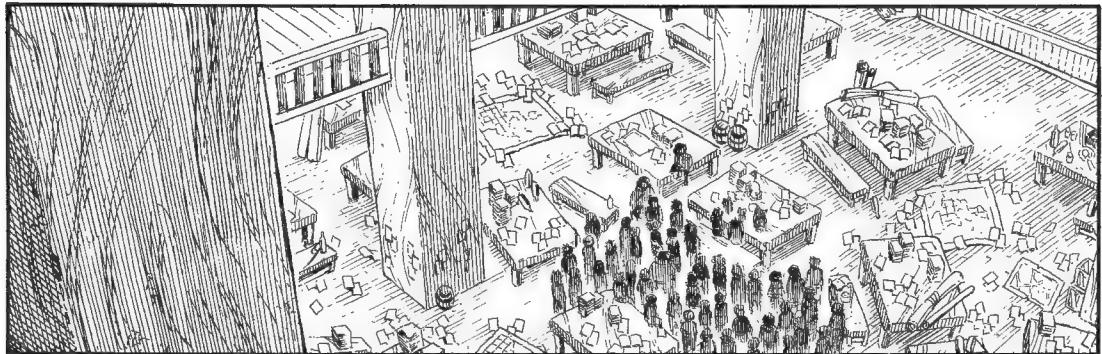


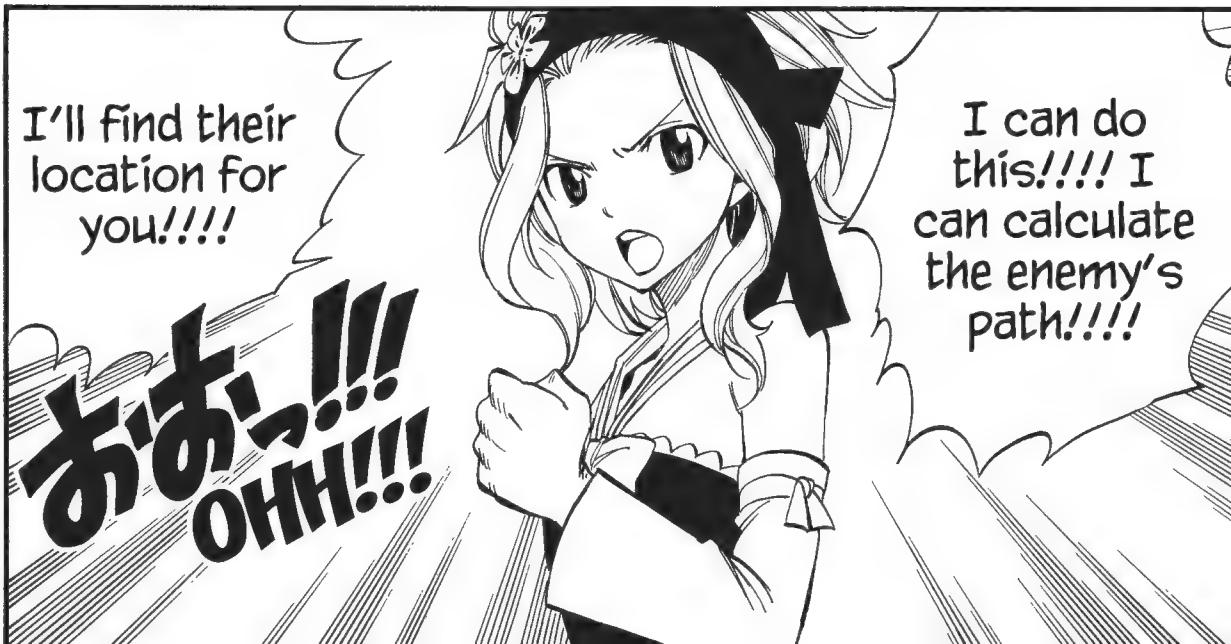
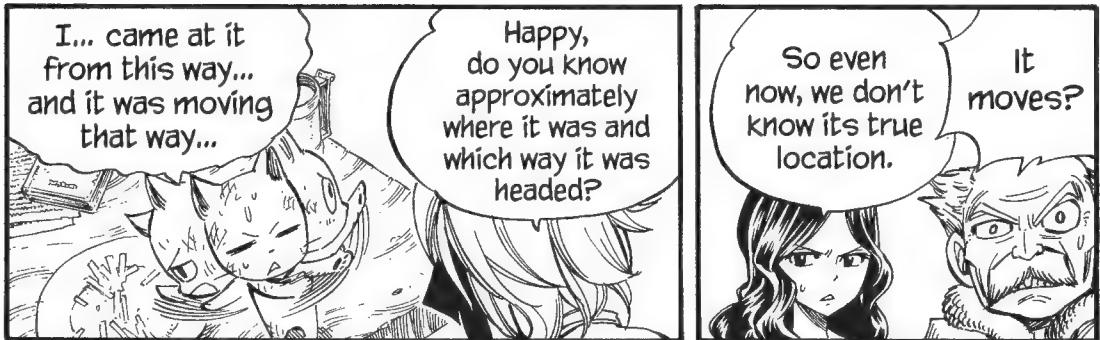
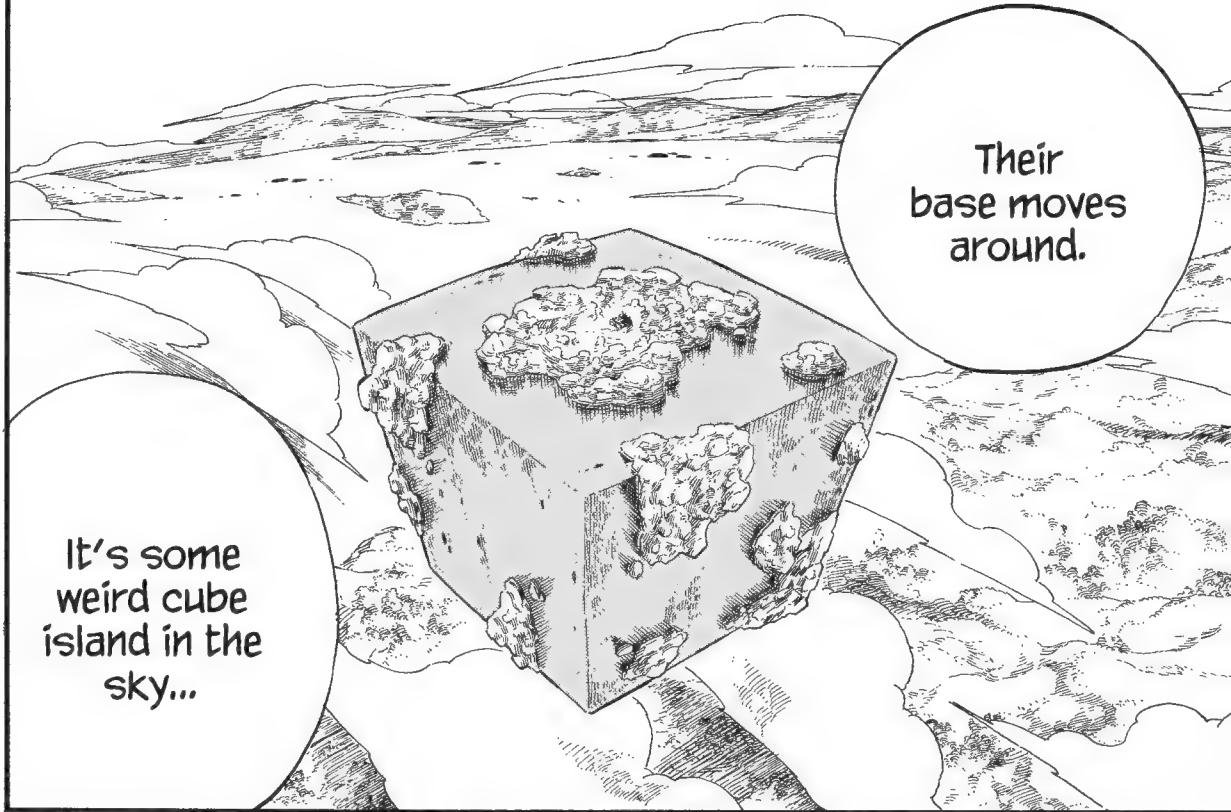




We found it!!!





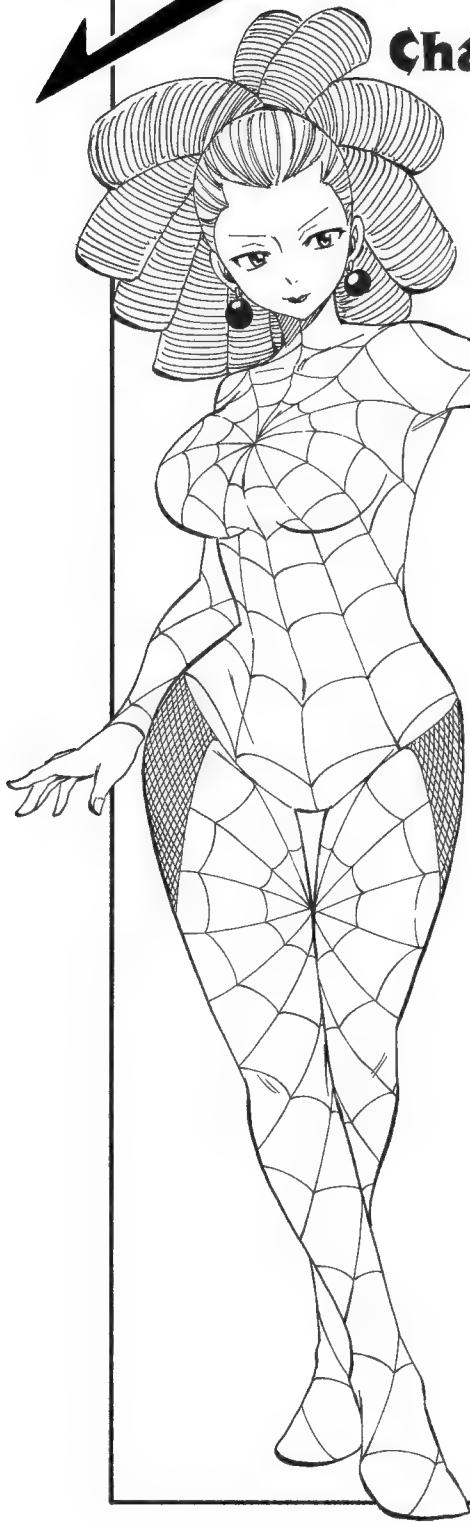






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Chapter 368: The Third Ward



Remarks

A wizard who can control threads at will. She wears a design that looks like a spider's web, but actually she hates spiders. She has a bright personality that's made her particularly popular in Mermaid Heel. A long time ago, she was studying the making of oden, and was trying to come up with original oden dishes. One of her creations, "Nattô Oden," a mixture of oden and nattô fermented beans, was particularly unpopular.



Why didn't you contact us?!!

Elfman, what about Lisanna?!!



...captured!

Lisanna was...



We were too late to save Elder Yuri...

Even Lisanna ...?

You're kidding...





Lost them?!
You can turn into a
beast! Why couldn't
you keep up with
them?!

Cana, will
you stop
it?

But it
doesn't
make sense!

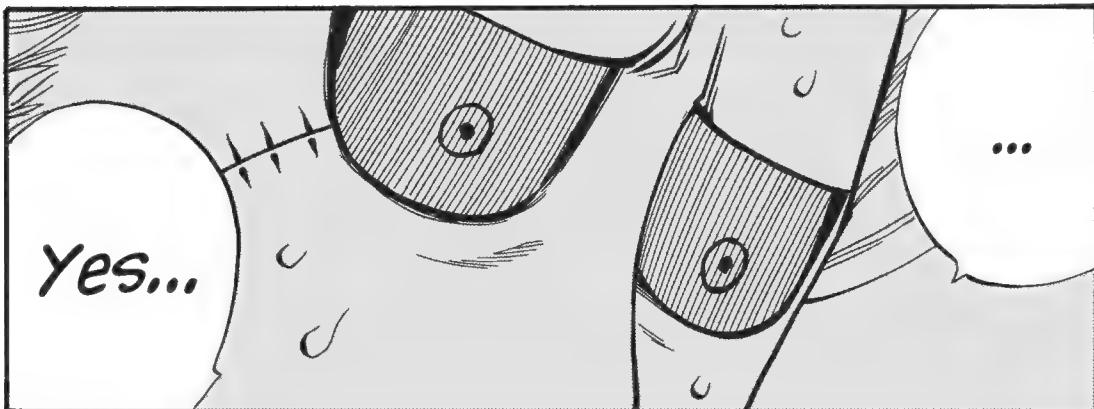
I need
to rest
a bit.

Sorry...

You didn't
have to be so
hard on him!

Everybody's...
on edge right
now, huh?

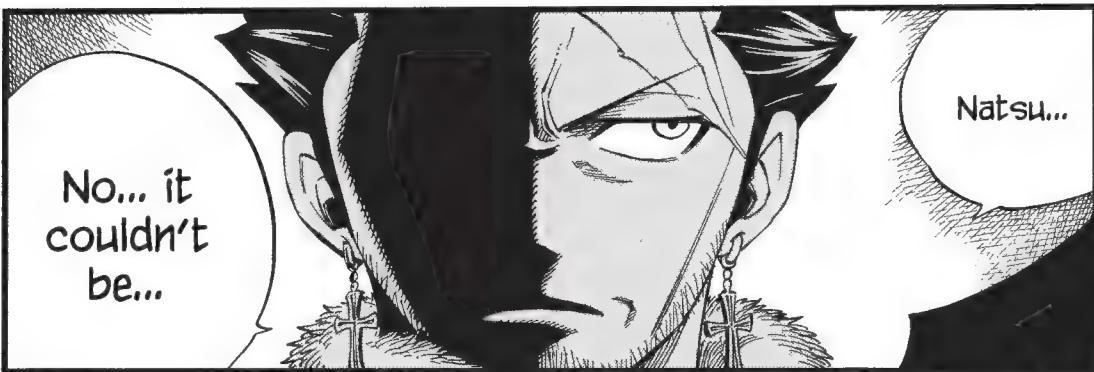
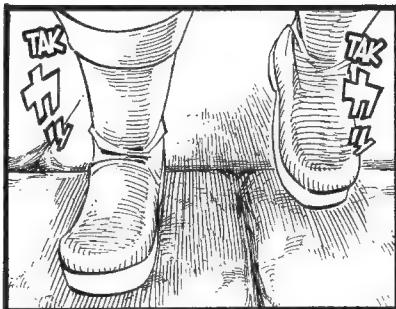








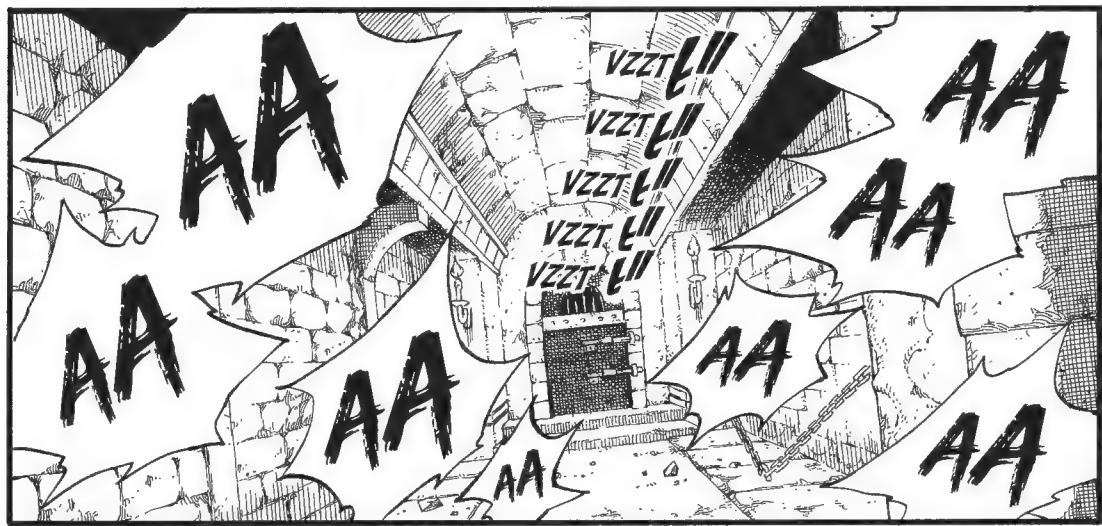


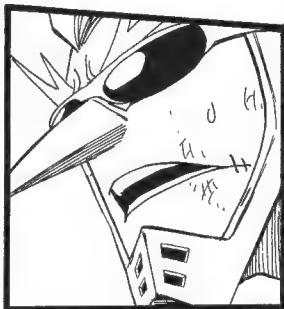


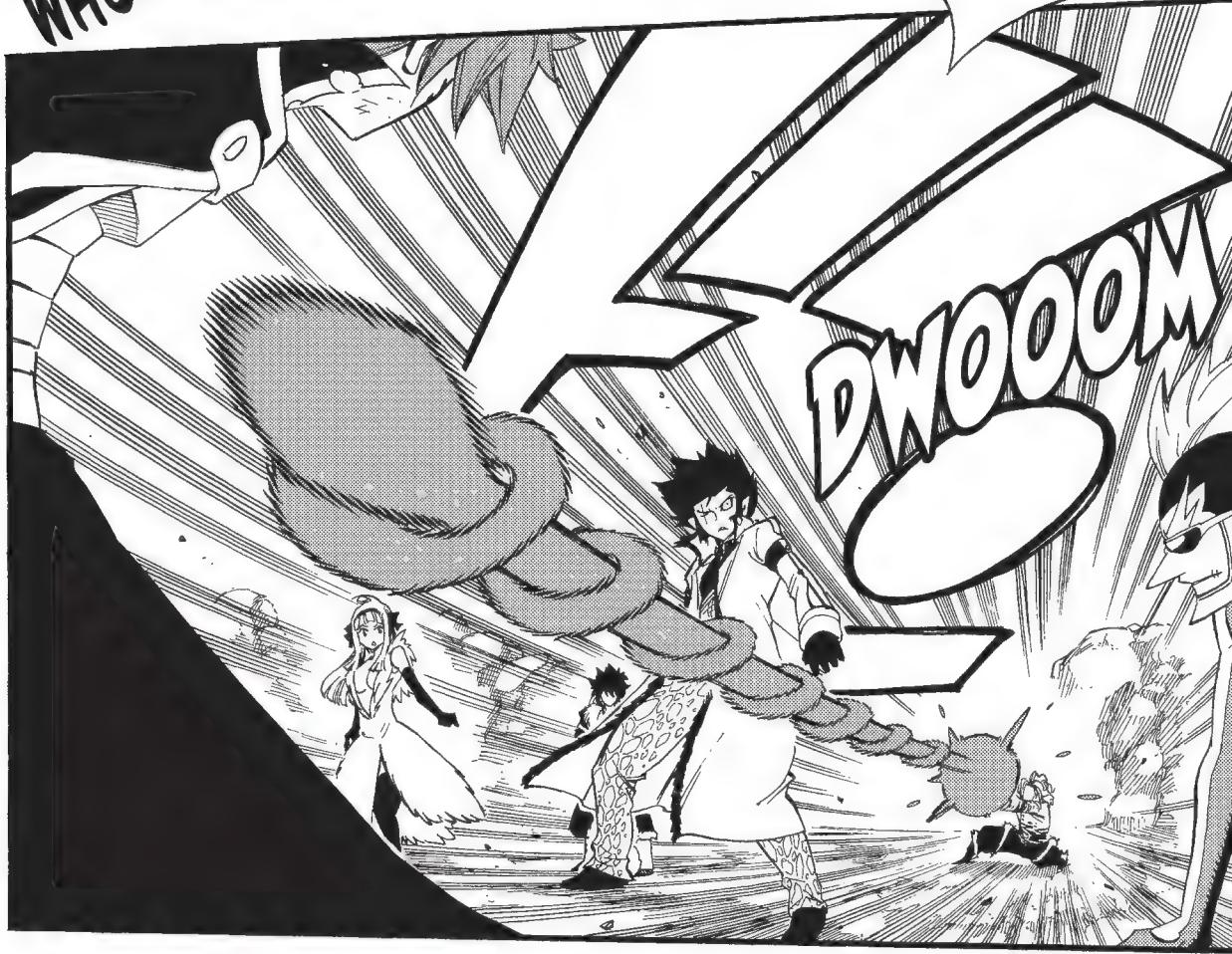




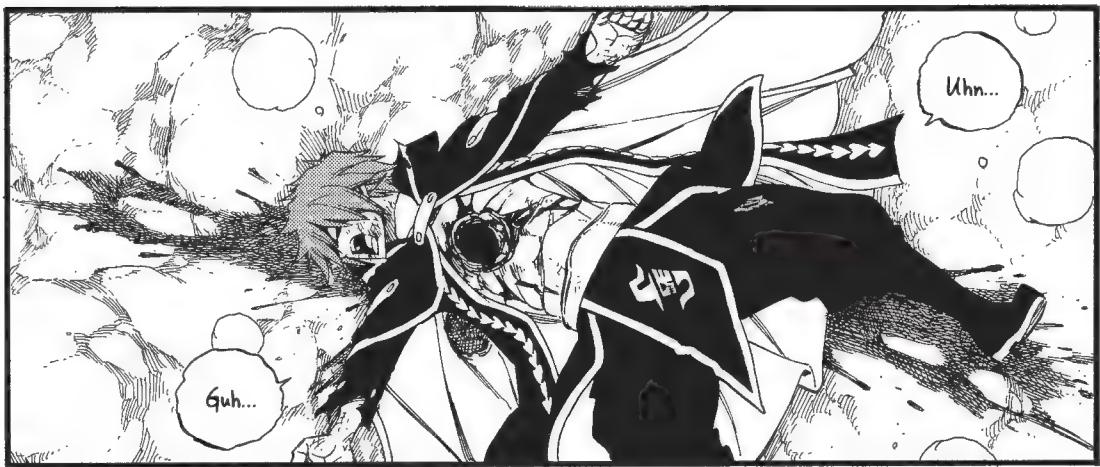
















**It is
over!!!!**

**Ah
ha ha
ha ha
ha ha
ha ha
ha ha
ha!!!!**



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Chapter 369: Where Prayers Go

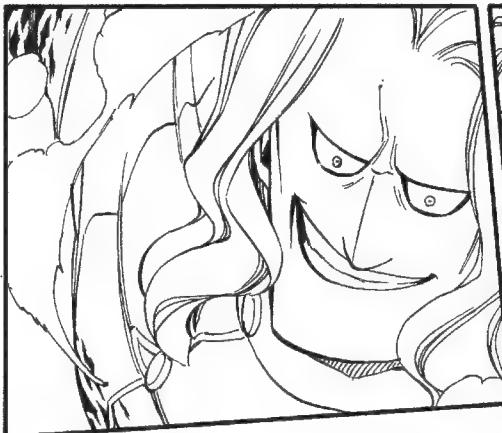


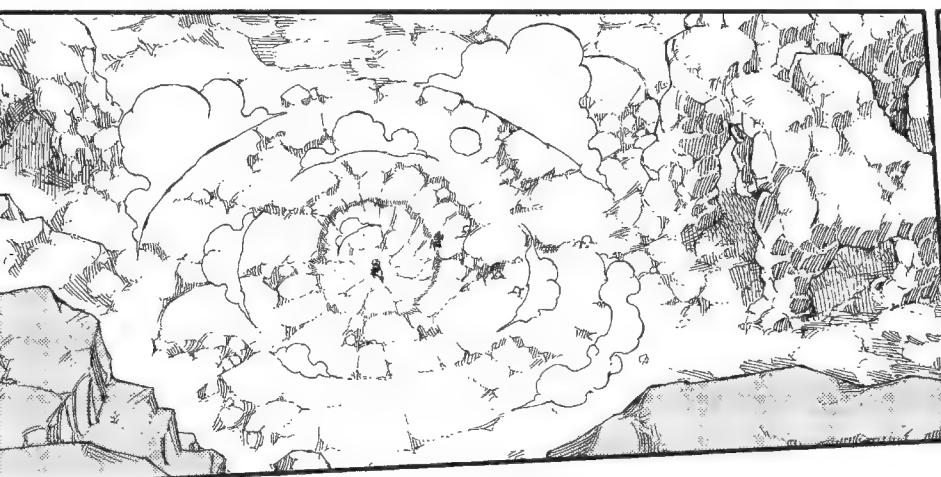
MERMAID HEEL	
Name: Lislie Law	Age: 24
Magic:	Gravity Change
Likes:	Dislikes:
Her guild	High heels

Remarks

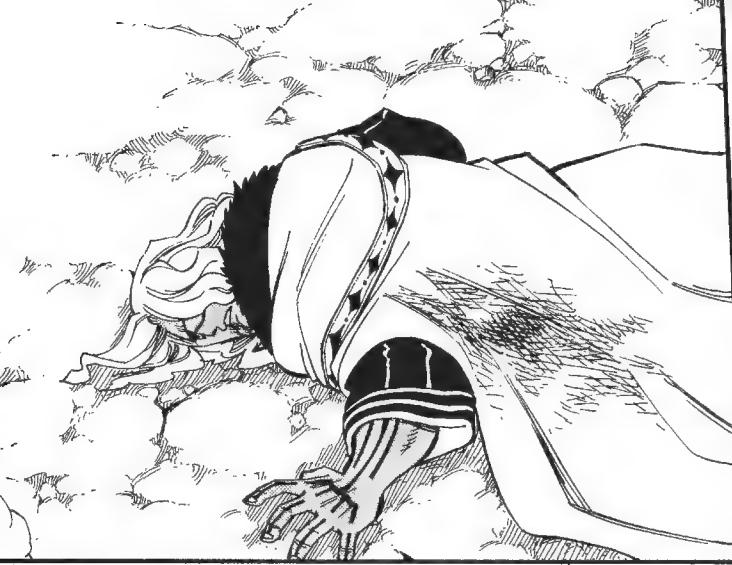
A plus-size young woman. The rest of her guild sees her as a maternal figure because of her outward appearance and calm demeanor. Outside the guild too, some think she's the motherly type, but she's unmarried and has no children.

With her Gravity Change magic, she can turn herself into a slim girl with the proportions of a model, but she likes her plump body as it is.







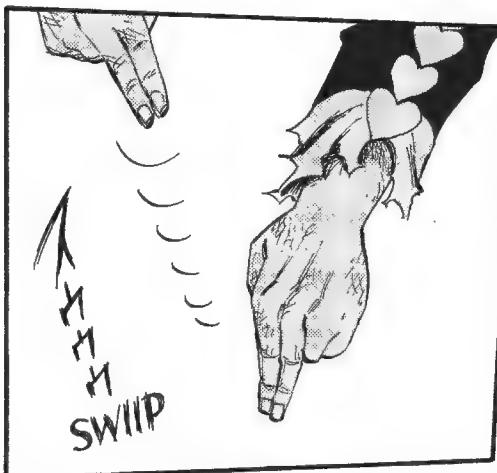




A Magic pattern!!!







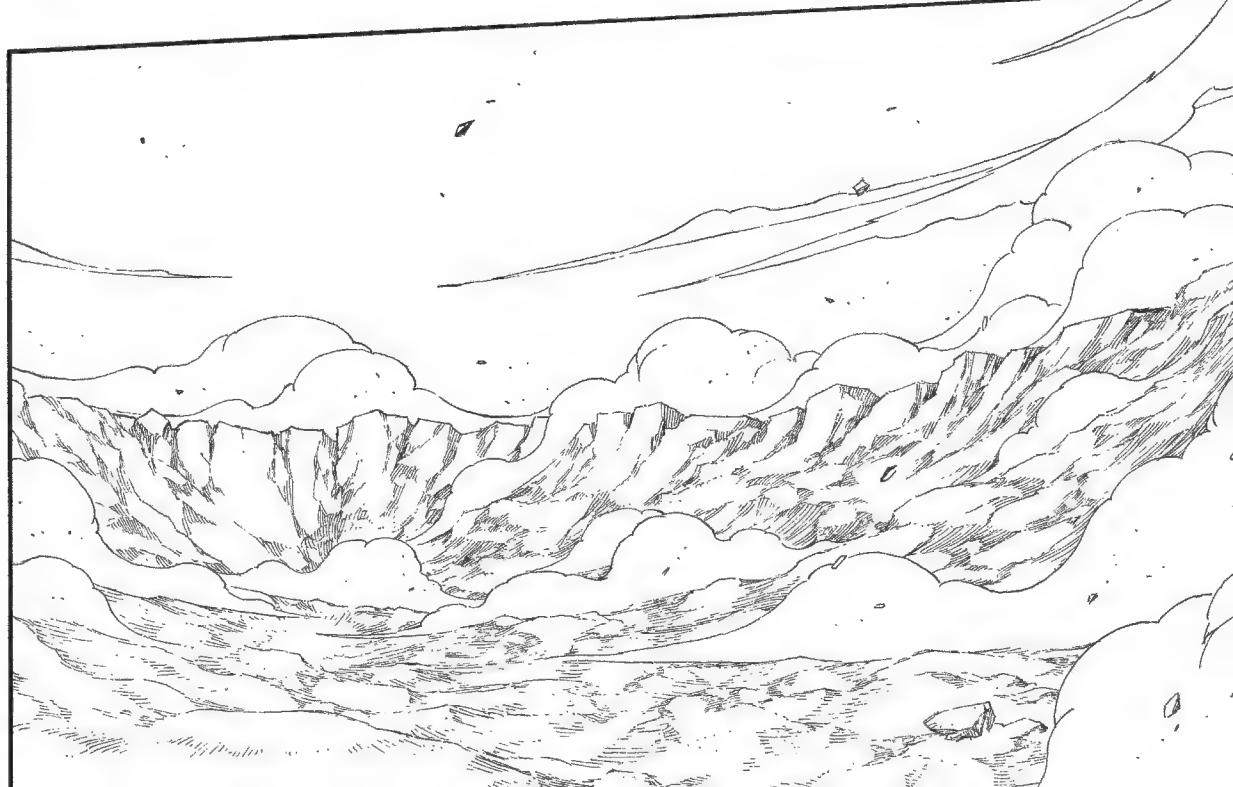




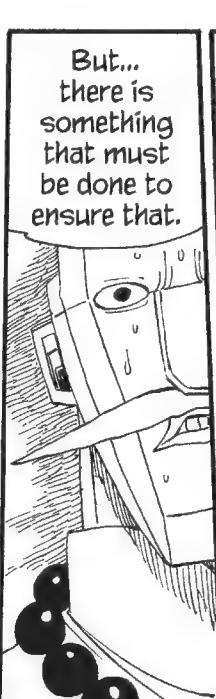
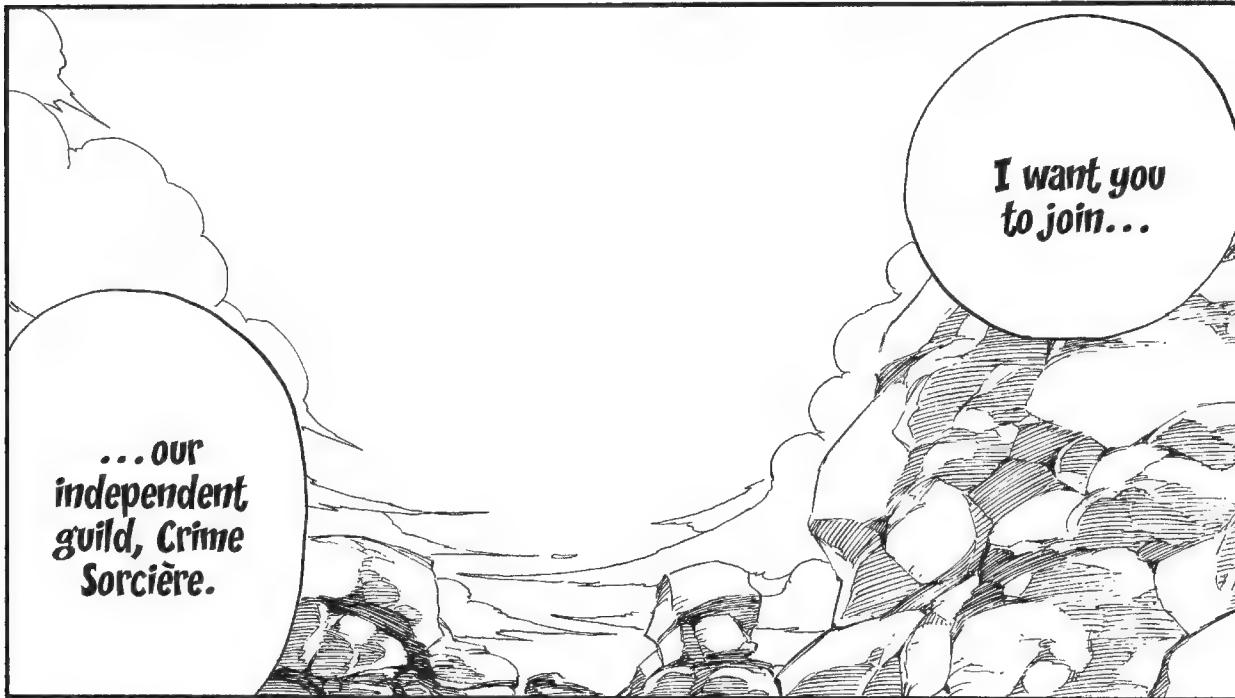
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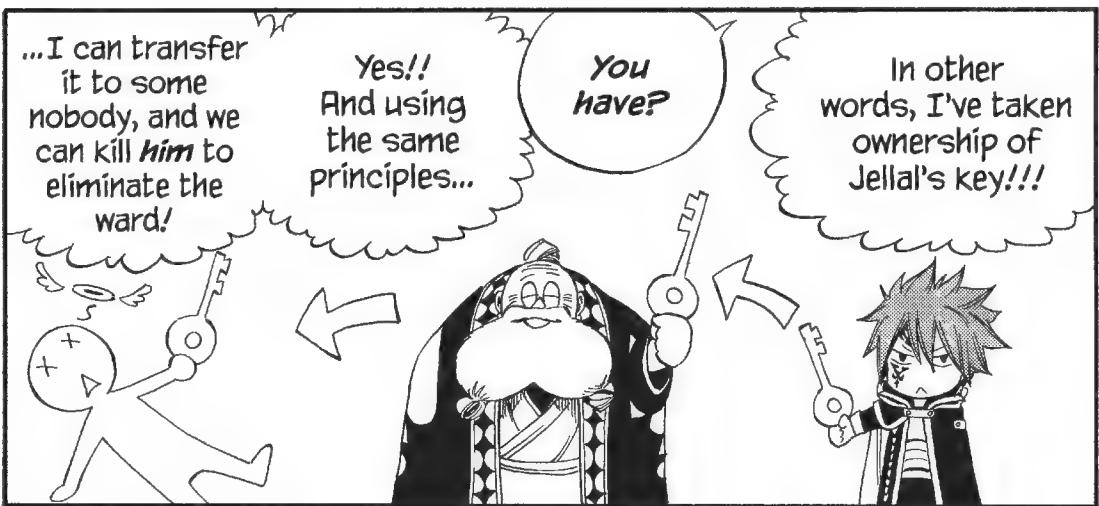
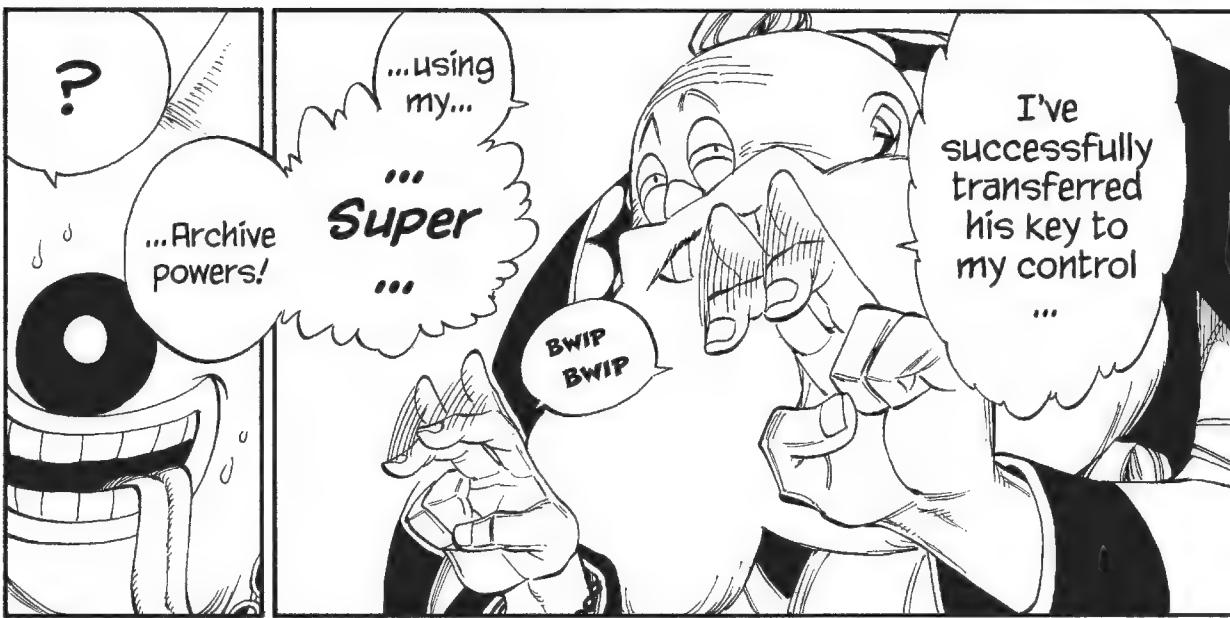


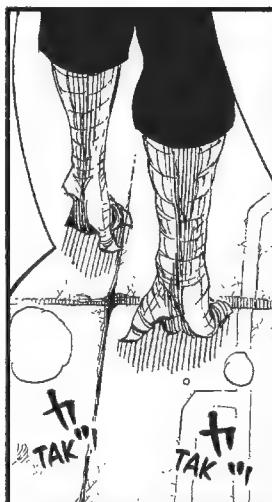






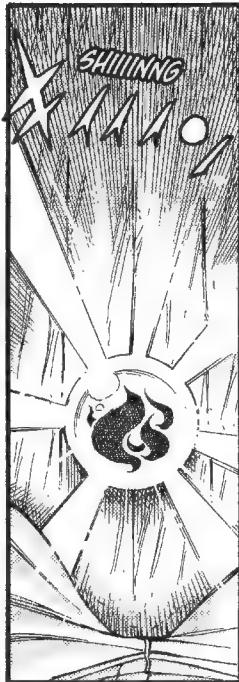
I want us to
act together
to take down
Zeref!











TO BE CONTINUED...

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Afterword

This time, because of the limitations of the number of pages allowed in the book, there are hardly any bonus pages. I'm sorry! Over and above that, I'm far more busy than I would have believed! Even apart from drawing a weekly manga, I've got to solve problem after problem... Hyaahhh!! But on a personal note, I'm really into the Tartaros Arc this time, and I'm getting all sorts of ideas piling on top of each other. There are some real surprising plot twists coming up, so be sure to look for them!

Now I think I've written about this somewhere before, but I'm not doing any of the drawing for the anime. There are a lot of animators putting in tons of hours and sweat to make it, and I really respect the work they're doing. They're taking pictures I only drew once and making them move, drawing picture after picture, and adding color until you get the feeling that the characters are alive! It's really incredible!

For that reason, instead of sending your impressions of the anime to the Magazine editorial department or through Twitter to myself, if you could send those impressions directly to the anime studio, I think that will help to cheer up and inspire all the the guys doing so much work! Please consider that, okay?

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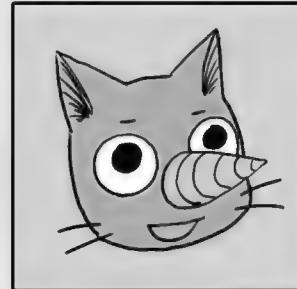
WAAAH

HIRU 真島ヒロ MASAHIMA



I CAN HEAR IT...
I CAN HEAR THE
VOICE OF A MAN WHO
LOST A COVER, AND
IT'S CRYING...

FROM HIRO MASAKI



I went to the Fairy Tail event called the Dragon King Festival 2014. I'm really not good at standing in front of crowds, but since the anime was starting up again after a year, I took part in the event. Since I was able to talk to the fans directly, I thought the event was incredibly fun! I hope there's a Dragon King Festival 2015!

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 38, Magical Pulse Bomb

This is probably based on the Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) that is said to occur when a nuclear device is activated. These have been later developed into "pulse weapons" that may use nuclear or non-nuclear methods of generating the pulse. Although a real pulse may cause damage aside from shutting down electronic devices (and in reality, not necessarily all electronic devices are affected), in fiction the pulse simply shuts down all electric and electronic devices for a period of time (for example, as used in the movie *Ocean's Eleven*) causing no other damage.

Page 77, New Years

There are several common trappings of Japanese New Year's celebrations on this page. The three bamboo stalks with a garland of pine is usually a decoration placed outside one's front door, but at times it is placed as an interior decoration. Similarly, the gift tray to the left of the bamboo decoration has a traditional set of three *mochi* (rice paste) cakes topped by a mandarin orange. The *mochi* decoration is placed just inside the entrance. The folding screen and *tatami* mats (rush mats) are not especially decorative, but rather found in most traditional Japanese homes. Natsu, Master Makarov, Happy, Mirajane, Wendy, and Lucy are all wearing traditional Japanese clothes commonly worn on a first visit to a temple or shrine during New Year's (although normal clothes are perfectly acceptable).



Page 151, Oden

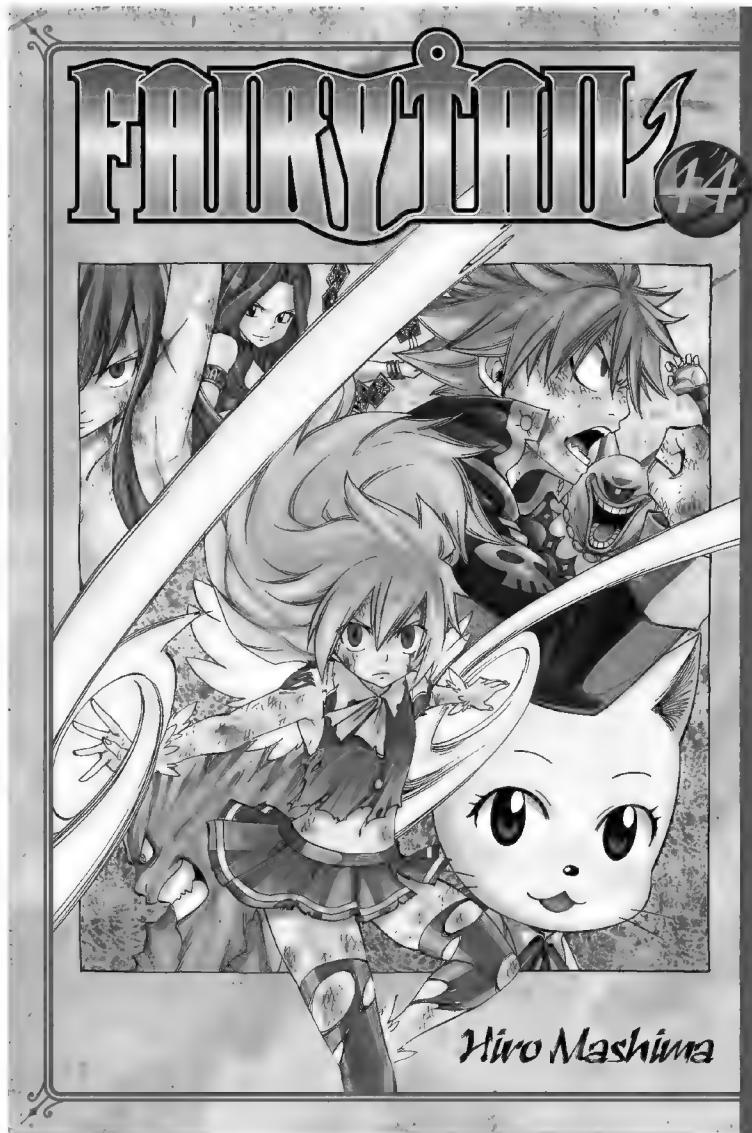
An inexpensive stew, subtly flavored. It can feature fish, tofu, squid, octopus, *mochi* (rice paste), seaweed, chicken, dumplings, eggs, radishes, potatoes, and other meats, vegetables, and concoctions. Although it is a stew, the elements (meat and veggies) are usually skewered on kabob-like sticks for easy access. Oden is served in restaurants, but more commonly in convenience stores and sidewalk stalls.

Page 151, Nattō

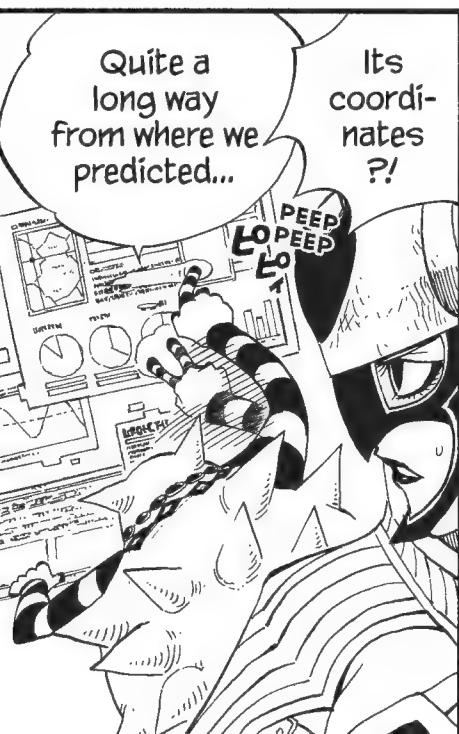
As mentioned in the notes for Volume 8, nattō is a strong-smelling fermented soybean dish in which beans are connected by a viscous, stringy fluid. The dish is very nutritious, and it contains nattokinase, a fibrinolytic enzyme which is said to prevent clotting in the arteries. Still, nattō has a reputation for being loved by Japanese and hated by foreigners (although there are foreign nattō lovers and Japanese detractors).

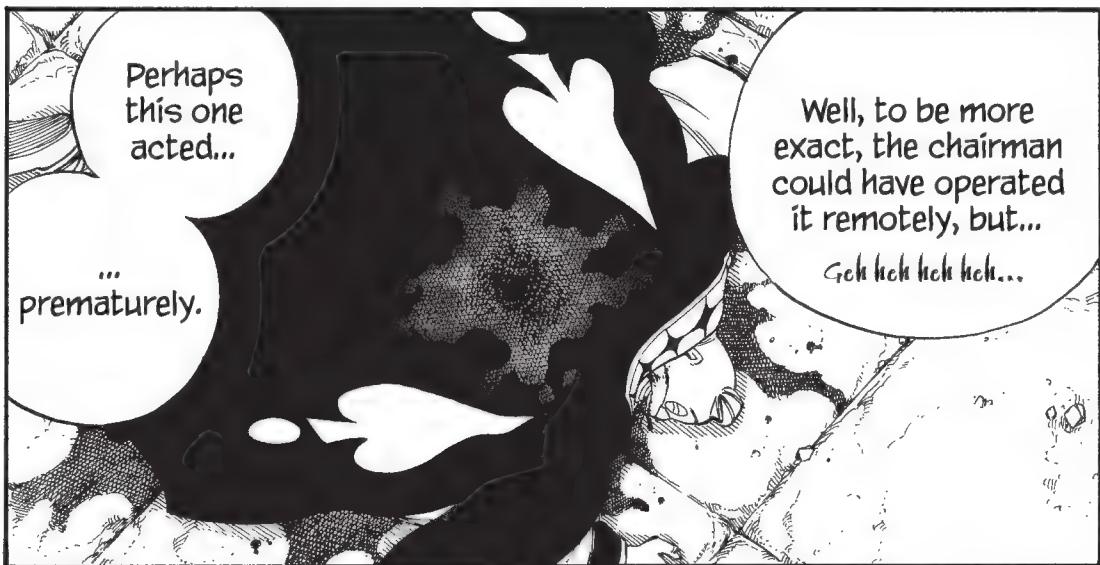
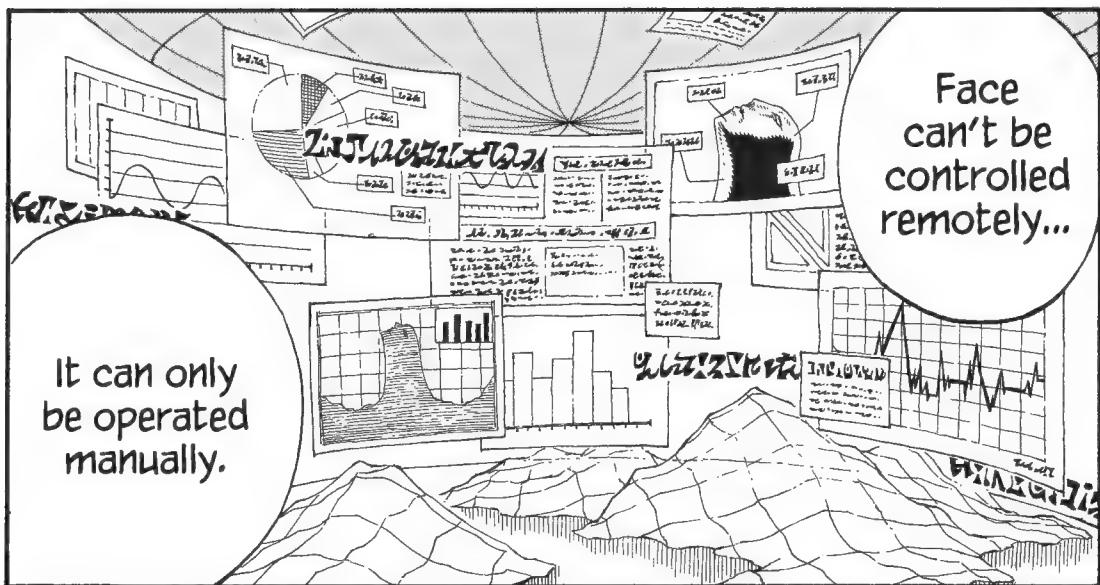
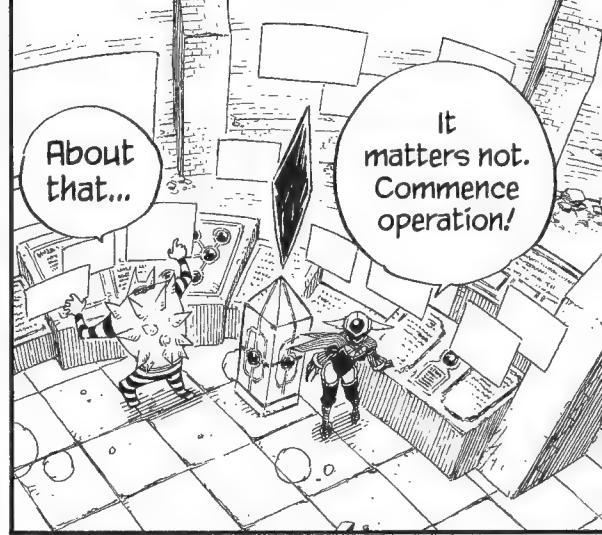
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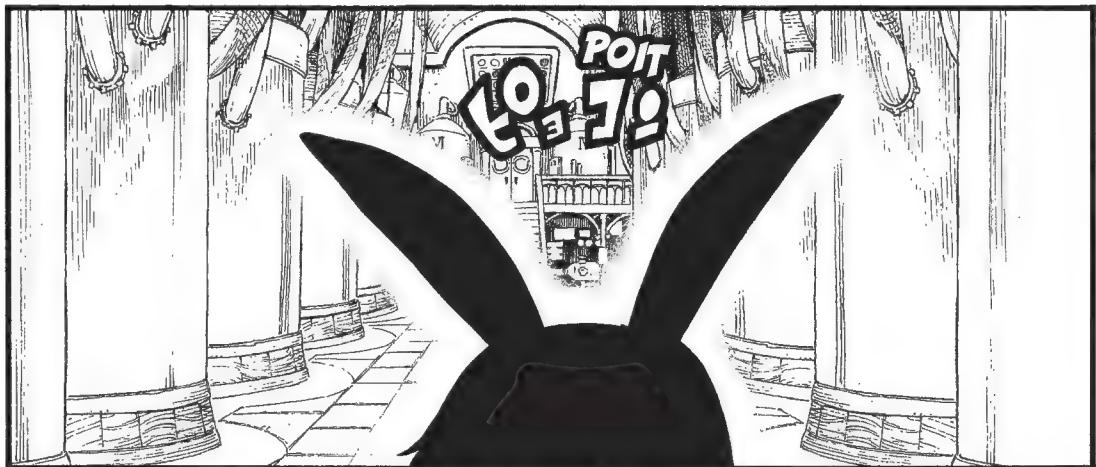
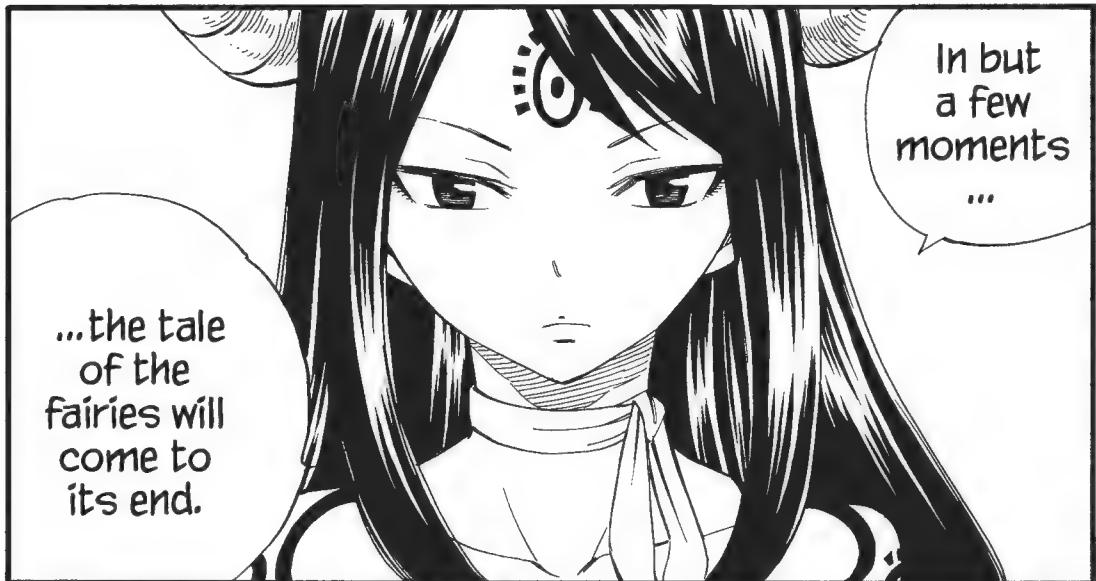
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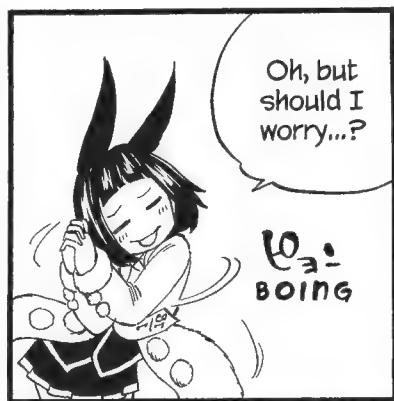


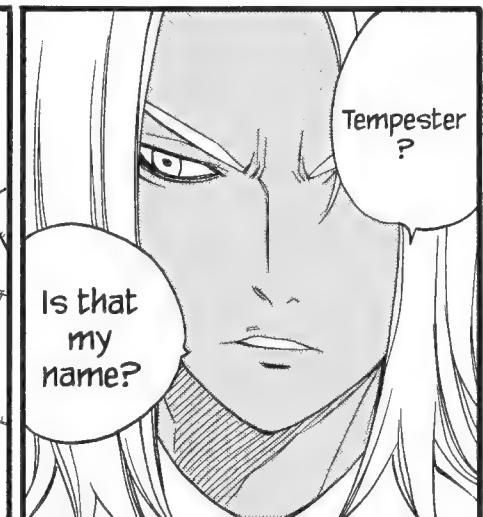


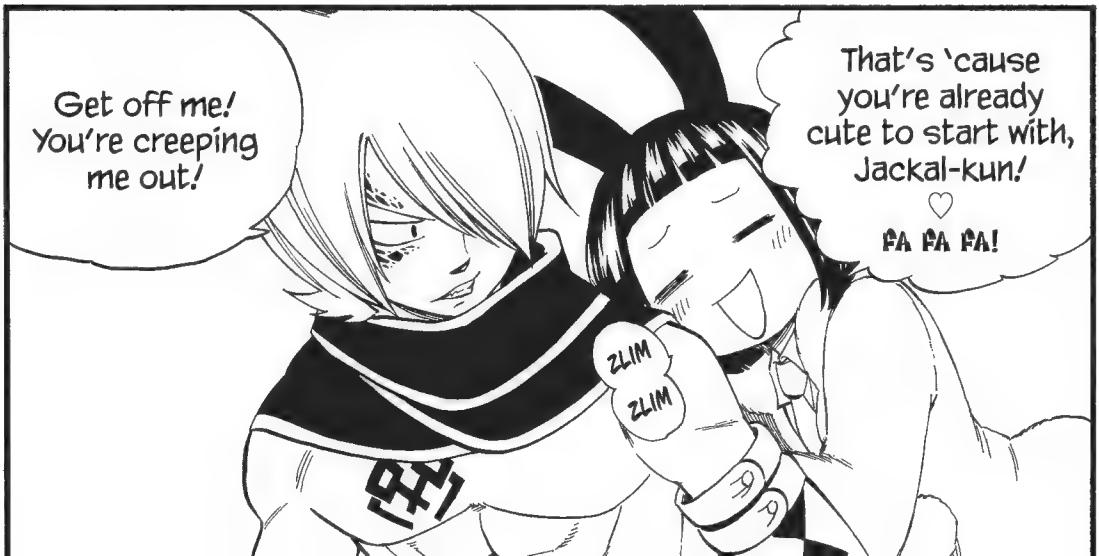


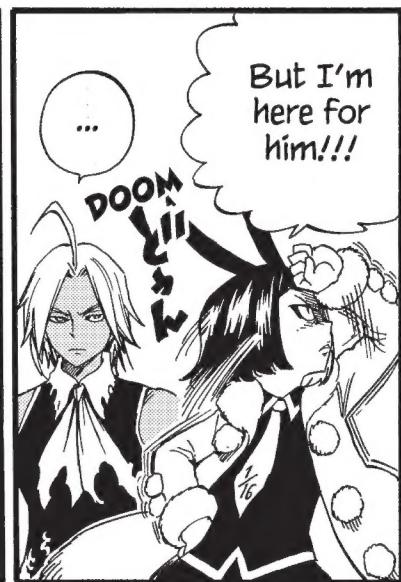
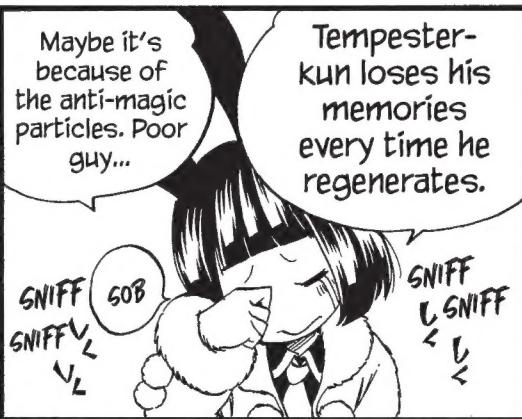












I feel it
surging
within
me...

So this is
a demon's
power...?

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